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I'M
OKAY
WITH IT,
YAMATO-
KUN
...



WITH
WHAT
...?

HUH
...?



NOT
AGAINST
DOING IT
NOW...

I'M...





#147 **BODY TEMPERATURE**

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WHAT'S
GOING ON?!

WH...
WHAT...?!



N-NO...
DON'T JUMP
TO CONCLU-
SIONS!! IT
COULD BE A
MISUNDER-
STANDING
AGAIN...

SHE'S
NOT AGAINST
IT? SO...
IN OTHER
WORDS...



LOVE
FIGHT
ADUMP

IT'S NOT A
MISUNDER-
STANDING
AT ALL!!



HOW
ARE WE
GOING
TO DO
THIS...?



UH...
WELL
...

B...BUT...

I MEAN,
IF I HAVE A
CHOICE, I
WANT TO
DO IT...

BADUMP

EVEN IF SHE
SUDDENLY
TELLS ME
SHE'S OKAY
WITH IT...

IT WOULD'VE
BEEN NICE
TO GET INTO
THE MOOD
LIKE WE DID
BEFORE

BADUMP

BADUMP

I CAN'T
JUST START
TAKING MY
CLOTHES
OFF...

WH...WHAT
THE HECK DO
I DO...?

BADUMP

GLATTER

UH... I'M NOT
UNCOMFORT-
ABLE!!
I'M REALLY
NOT, BUT...

HUH
?!

HEY...
IF YOU'RE
UNCOMFORT-
ABLE WITH THIS,
YAMATO-
KUN...



WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO...?

HUH
...?



I SHOULDN'T
BE ASKING
HER THAT!!

WHAAAT?!
I'M SUCH
AN IDIOT!!



I DON'T
KNOW...

L...



KA-CHA

R...
RIGHT!

THE
LIGHTS
!!



HUH?!

MAY-
BE
FOR
NOW,
JUST
...

TURN
THE
LIGHTS
OFF
...





?!

JOLT

YAMATO-KUUUN!
YOUR
VISITING
HOST-
ESS IS
HEEERE!!

BANG

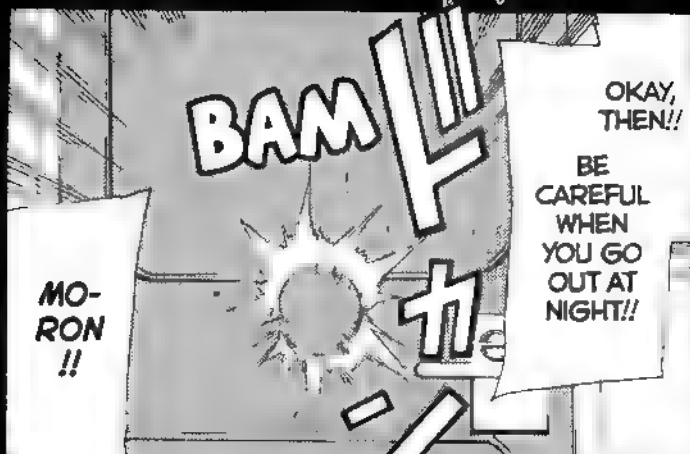
BANG



UH... NOT RIGHT
NOW... I'M IN
BED ALREADY!!

THUD

THUD



MO-
RON
!!

OKAY,
THEN!!

BE
CAREFUL
WHEN
YOU GO
OUT AT
NIGHT!!



WHAT
WAS THAT
ABOUT...?

...



AGAIN?!
ARE YOU
DOING
SOMETHING
WEIRD IN
THERE?!

I...I'M
NOT!!
GO
HOME,
YOU
DRUNK!!

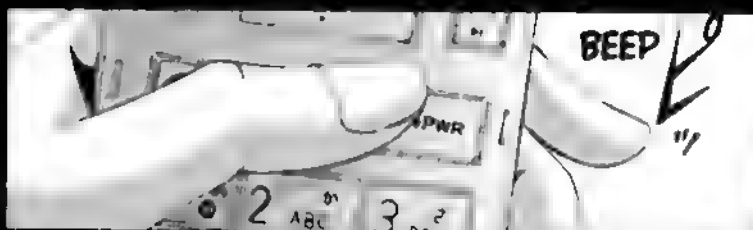


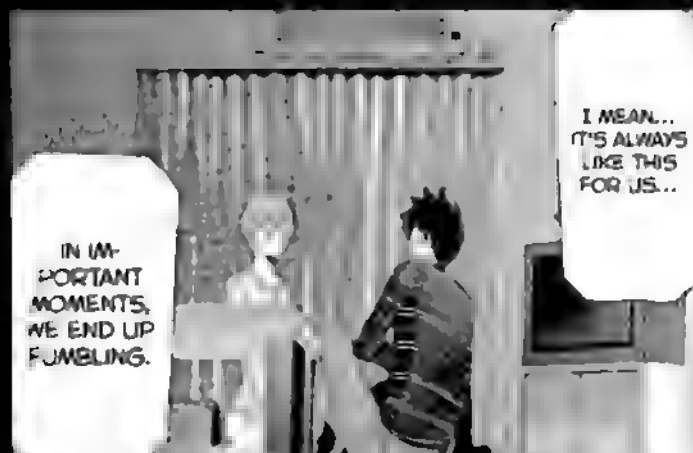
THAT IDIOT!

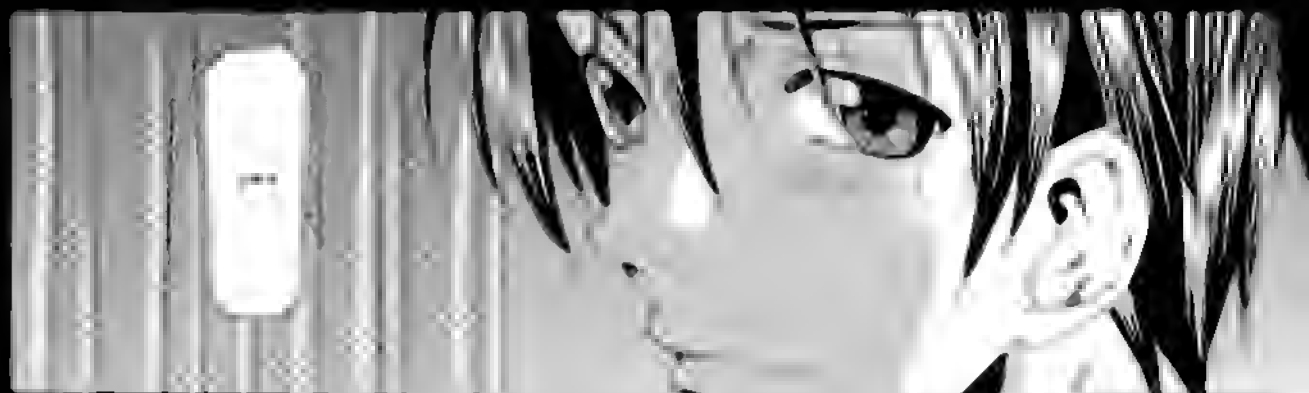


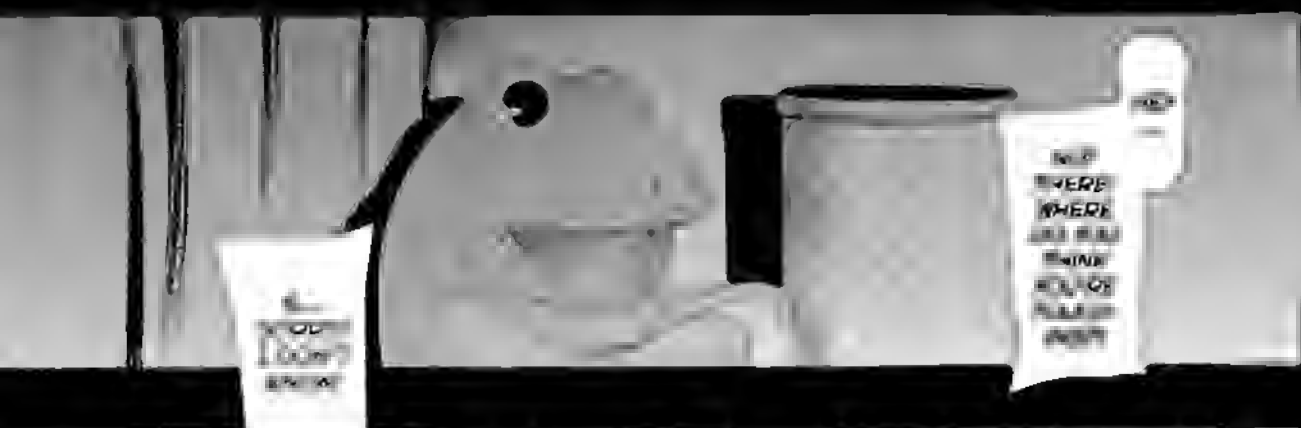
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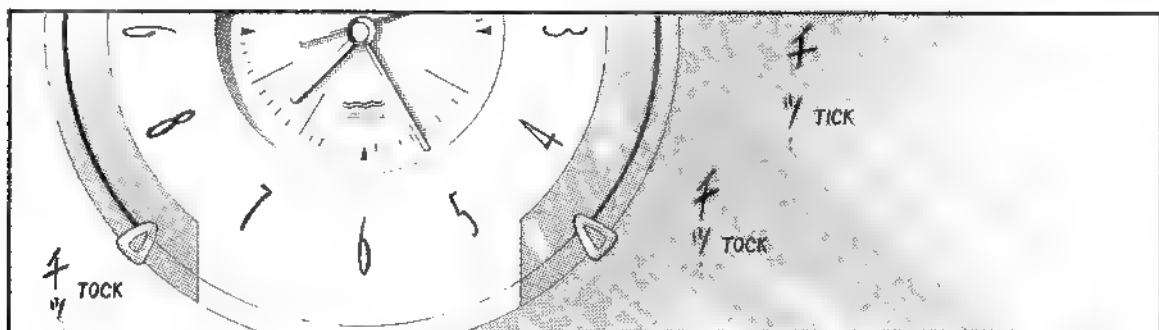














GOOD
MORNING.



A...
ASA-
HINA!

?!
JOET



WHA...?!

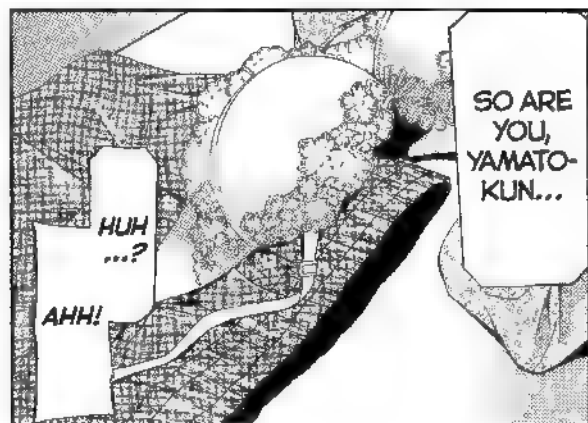
YOU'RE...
N...
NAKED...

H...HEY!
DON'T
JUST LEAP
UP LIKE
THAT!!



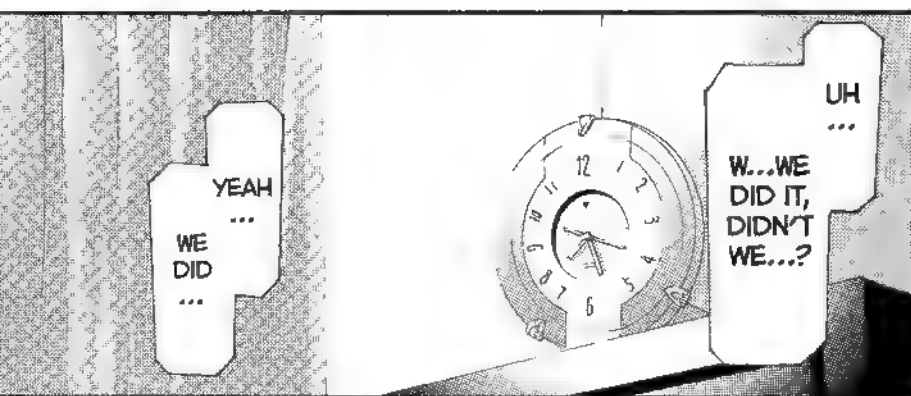
I WANTED
TO WATCH
YOU
SLEEP A
LITTLE
LONGER
...

...
YOU
SHOULD'VE
WOKEN
ME UP...



HUH
...?
AHH!

SO ARE
YOU,
YAMATO-
KUN...



YEAH
...
WE
DID
...

UH
...
W...WE
DID IT,
DIDN'T
WE...?



WELL,
I
MEAN
...

ゴッ
THUMP

WHY
ARE
YOU
APOL-
GIZ-
ING?



SOR-
RY...

AND
RIGHT
AFTER
I'D TOLD
HER HOW
MUCH
I CARE
ABOUT
HER...



**I'M
HAPPY**
...

Y'KNOW?

UHH... I'M...

HUH...?

BLUSH

...WAS
WITH YOU,
YAMATO-
KUN
...

I'M
GLAD
THAT MY
FIRST
TIME
...

EVEN
IF I
USED
UP
...

...A LIFETIME'S
WORTH OF
HAPPINESS...
I DON'T
REGRET IT...

LEAN IN



ONI-CHAN!
HOW LONG
ARE YOU
GONNA STAY
IN BED?!
BREAKFAST
IS READY,
Y'KNOW!!

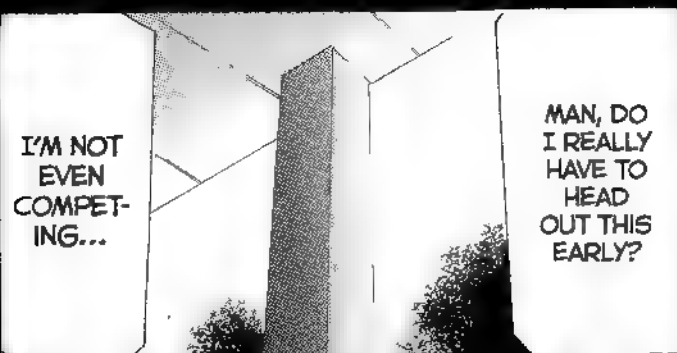


I...I'M
COMING!!



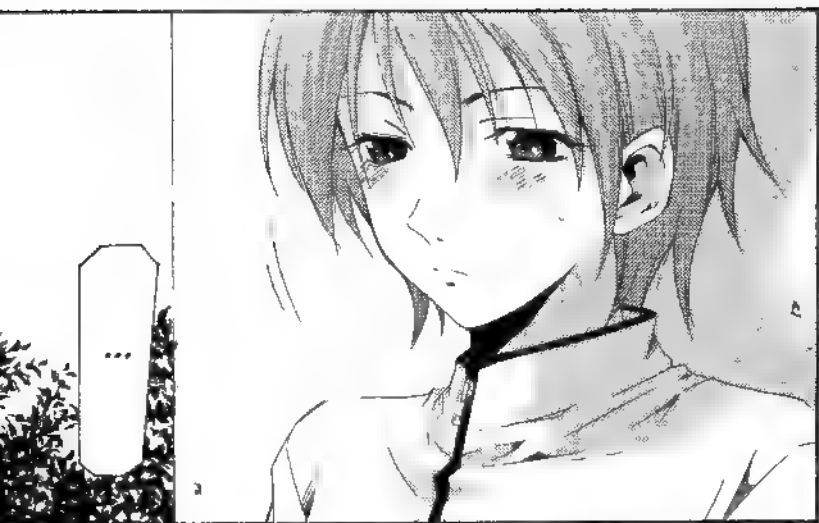
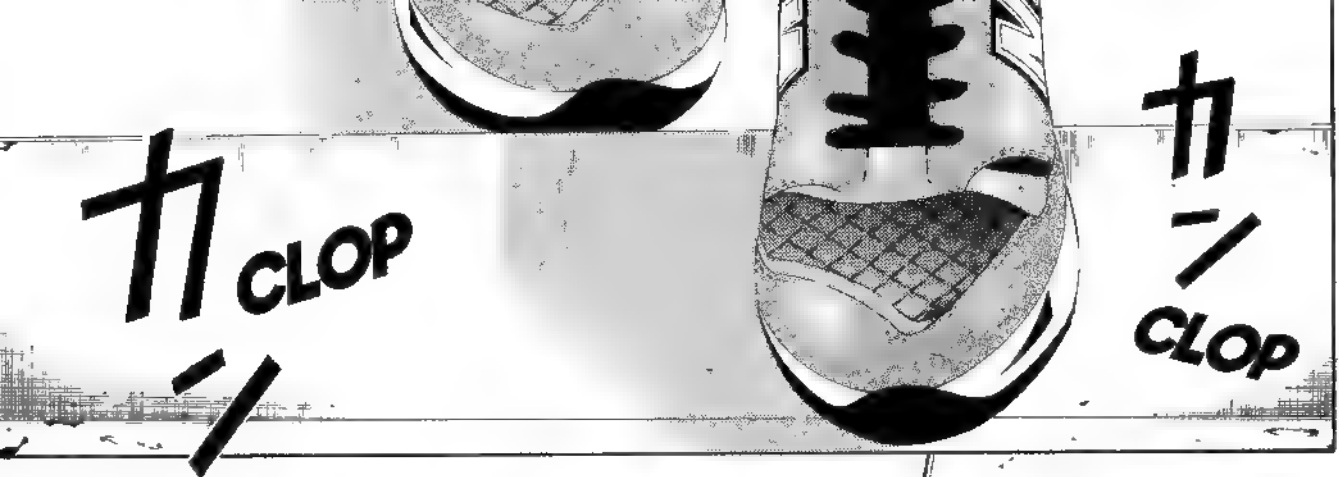
HUH?
YOUR VOICE
CAME FROM
SUZUKA'S
ROOM JUST
NOW...

EEYOW!!
MY PINKY
TOE!!

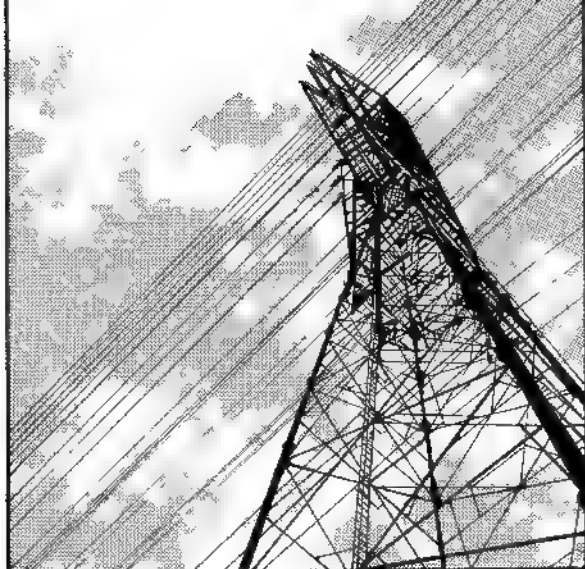


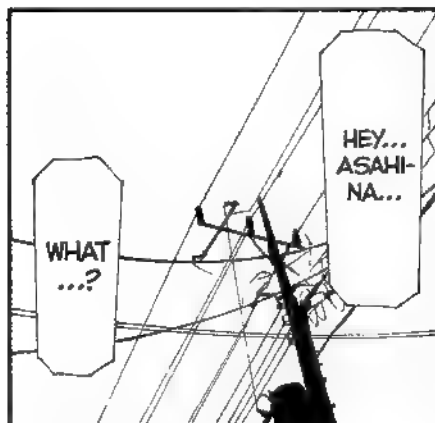


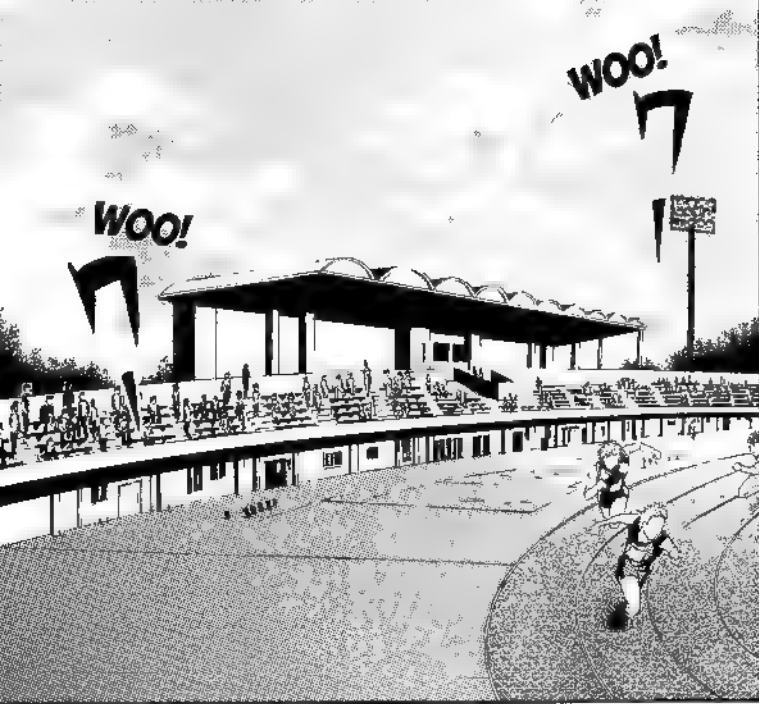
#148 **RESTART**













COME TO
THINK OF IT,
I WAS SUPER
NERVOUS
TOO WHEN
I HAD MY
FIRST TOUR-
NAMENT...

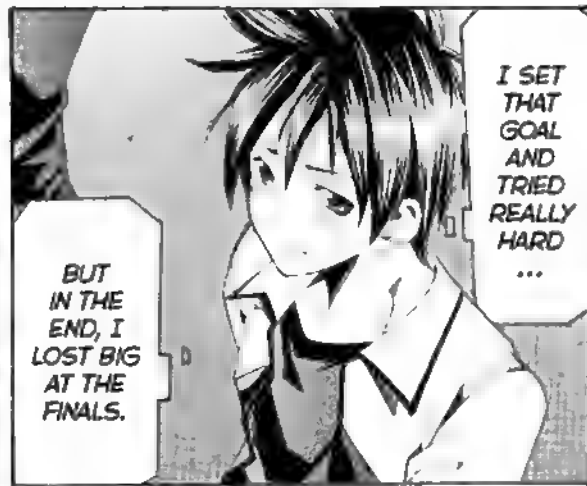


I'M...
GONNA BE
THE BEST
ATHLETE IN
JAPAN!!



L...I
KNOW
THAT!!

HEY,
YOUR
BIB IS
UPSIDE
DOWN!!



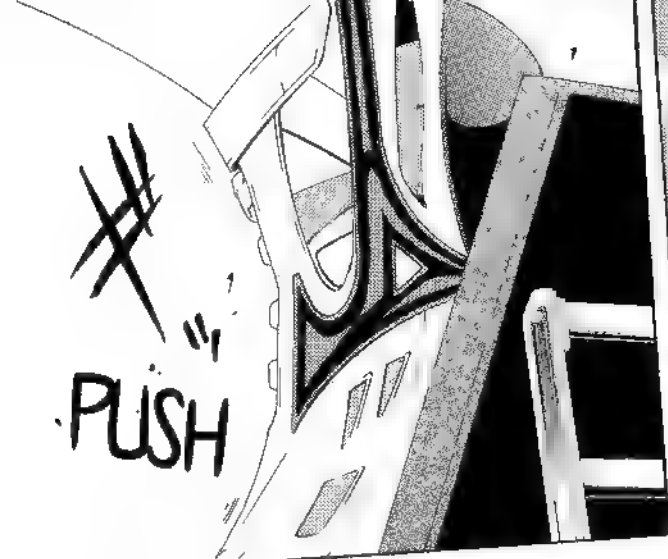
BUT
IN THE
END, I
LOST BIG
AT THE
FINALS.

I SET
THAT
GOAL
AND
TRIED
REALLY
HARD
...



THERE'S NO
ONE IN THE
DISTRICT
WHO CAN
BEAT YOU!



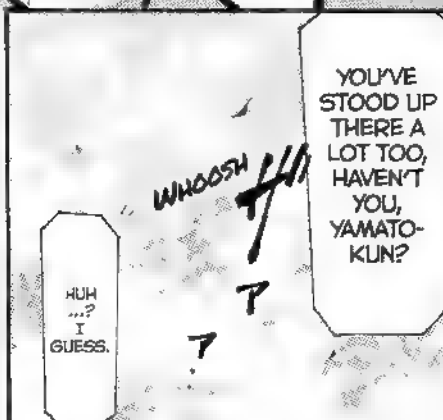
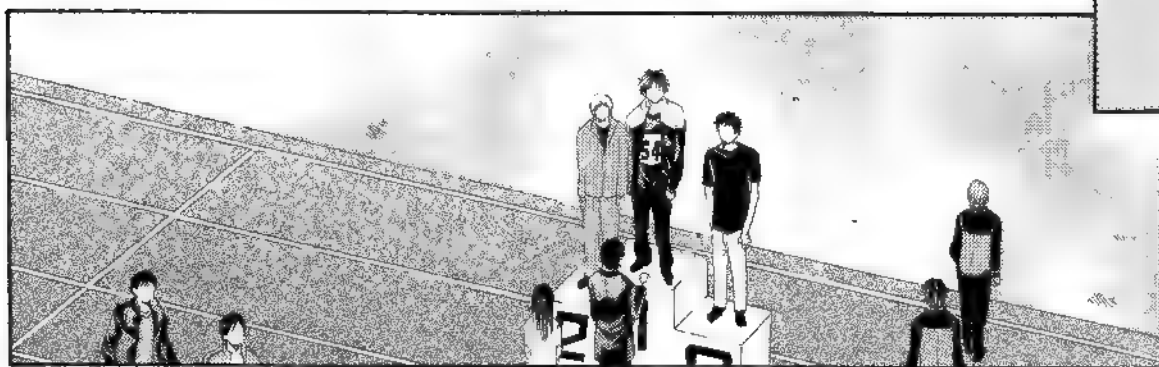




Wooo!









I WISH I
COULD'VE
SEEN YOU,
YAMATO-
KUN...

...STAND-
ING ON THE
WINNER'S
PODIUM...



HUH
...?



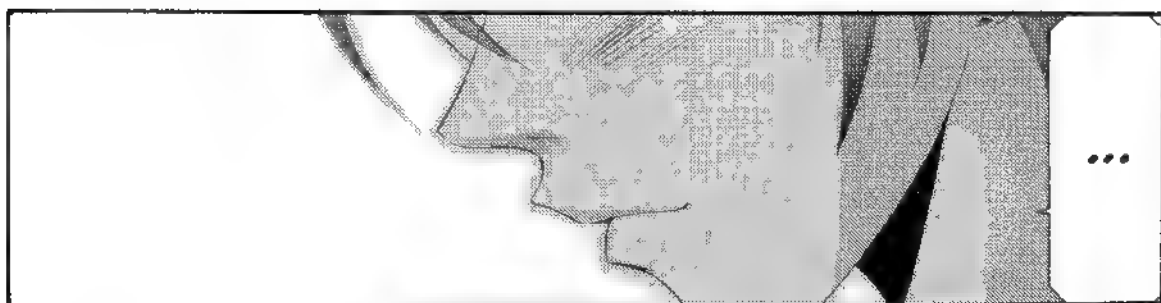
ASAHIINA
...



I
NEVER
GOT TO
...

IT'S
KIND
OF A
SHAME
...





...



ALL
RIGHT
...

I'LL
LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT!



SEEING
ASAHINA
SMILE LIKE
THIS, I
FEEL...

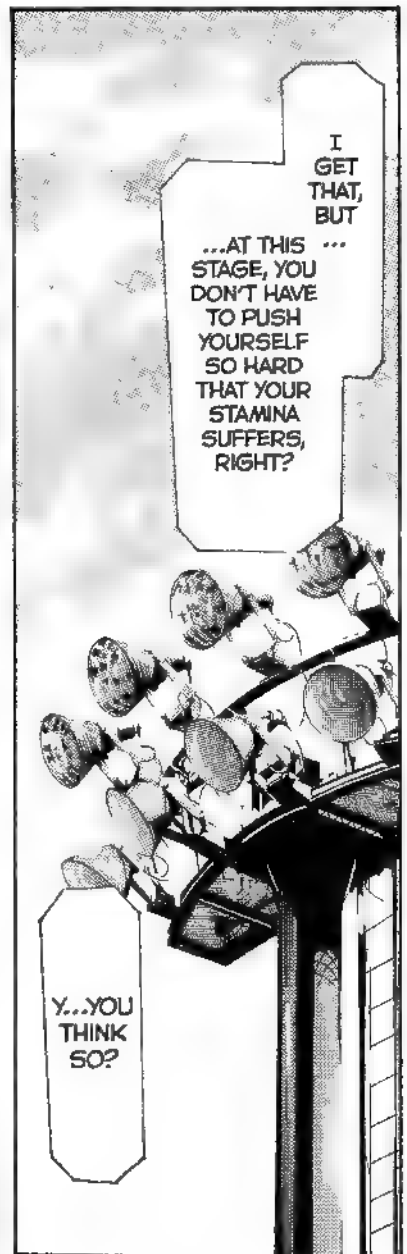
Y...
YEAH...





#149 **HOMEMADE**







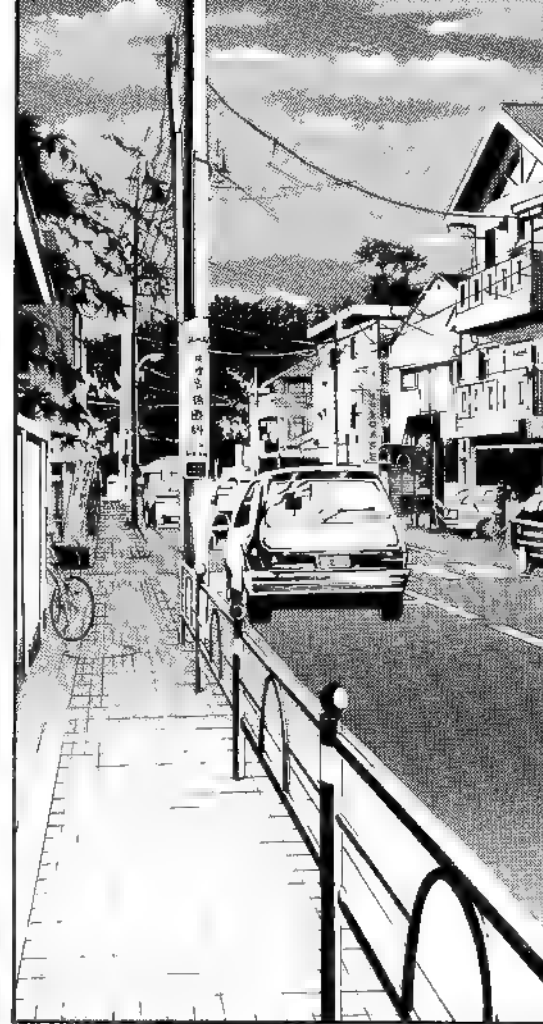
I WONDER
WHAT'S FOR
DINNER TODAY!
I HOPE IT'S
SOMETHING
FILLING!

MAN,
AM I
HUN-
GRY!



AYANO-SAN
SAID SHE'D
BE HOME
LATE TODAY.

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



BEATS
ME...!

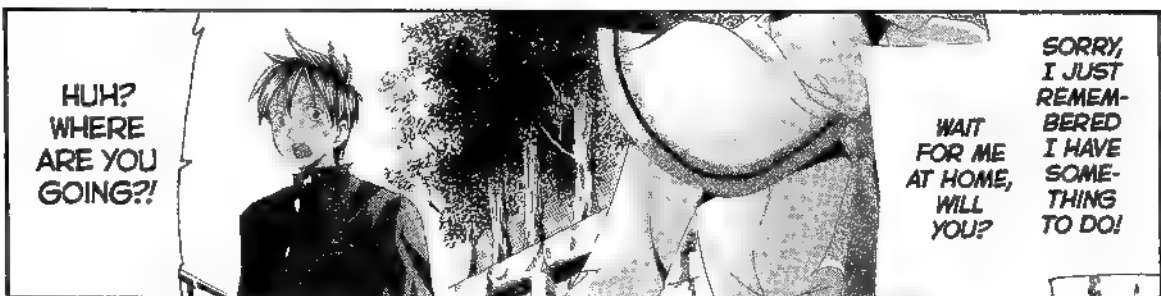
WHERE
THE
HECK
DOES
AYANO-
SAN GO
EVERY
WEEK?

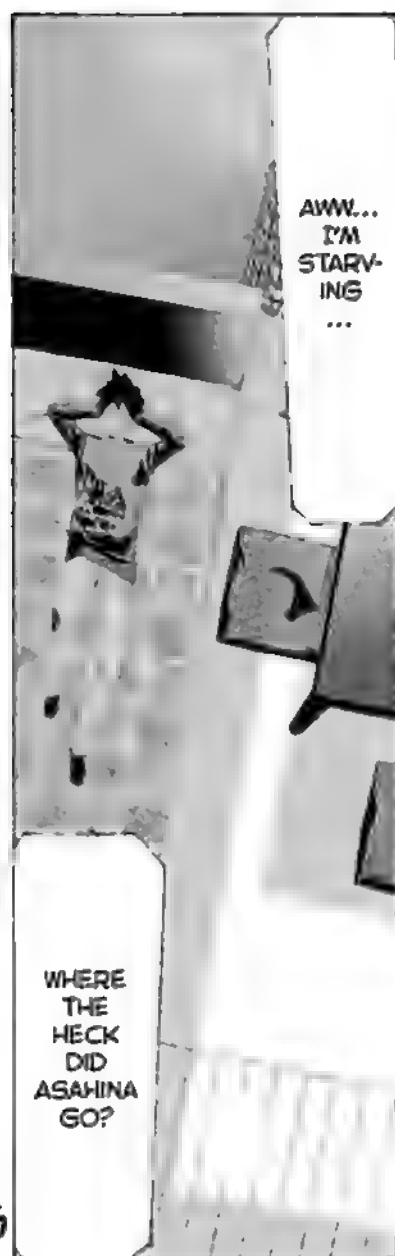
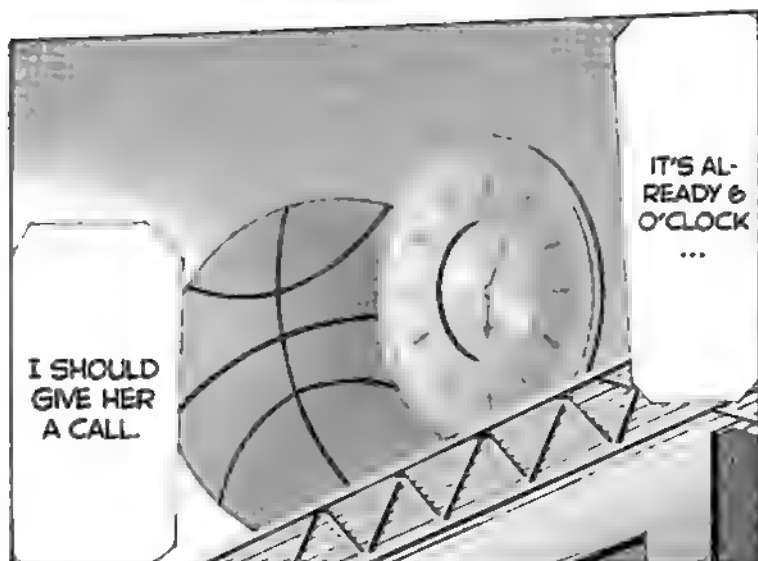
SERI-
OUS-
LY?!



HUH...?
SHE
DID?!

SHE TOLD
US THIS
MORNING,
WHICH IS
WHY SHE
ASKED
US TO FIX
DINNER ON
OUR OWN.





SORRY
FOR
KEEPING
YOU!



カ
チ
KER-CHAK

WHAT
TOOK YOU
SO LONG?



HON-
ESTLY
...



HUH...?
WE'RE
NOT
GOING
OUT?

COMING
THROUGH!



HEY...
WHAT'S
THAT?
WHAT
ARE YOU
GONNA
DO...?



HUH
...?



WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
FACE?!

OW!
OW!
OW!!
N...
NOTH-
ING!!



TONIGHT
...

I'LL BE
MAKING
DINNER!

FASTEN



YOU
COULD
SAY
THAT
...

OH...
DID YOU
GO OUT TO
BUY THOSE
INGREDI-
ENTS?



...TO EAT
YOUR GIRL-
FRIEND'S
HOME
COOKING
ONCE IN A
WHILE?

DON'T
YOU
WANT
...

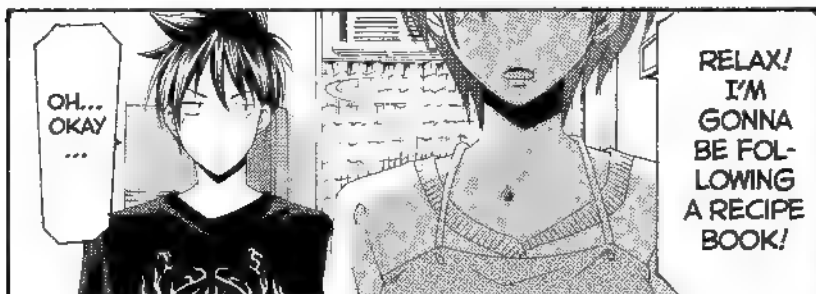


BUT WHY SO
SUDDENLY?

WELL,
YEAH...



HUH
...?



OH...
OKAY
...

RELAX!
I'M
GONNA
BE FOL-
LOWING
A RECIPE
BOOK!

HOME
COOKING,
OUT OF
NOWHERE...

AS ALWAYS,
SHE'S A
HARD ONE
TO FIGURE
OUT.

U...
UH...

LET'S
SEE

...
WHAT
PAGE
WAS IT
AGAIN?

BUT IT'S THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE SEEN
ASAHIWA WEAR
AN APRON.

I GUESS EVEN
JUST THAT MAKES
ME KINDA HAPPY...

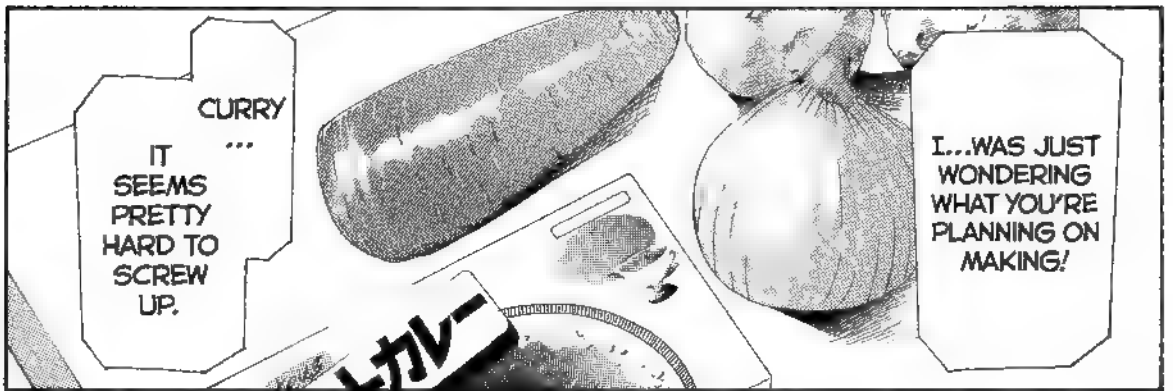


HUH?!

NOTHING...



WHAT...?



CURRY

IT SEEMS PRETTY HARD TO SCREW UP.

I...WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING ON MAKING!



HM...?

OH... I ALMOST FORGOT.

ぐんぐん RUSTLE



DON'T MAKE IT HOT, OKAY?

I'M NOT GOOD WITH SPICY FOOD.

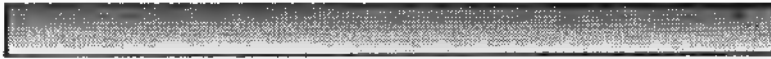
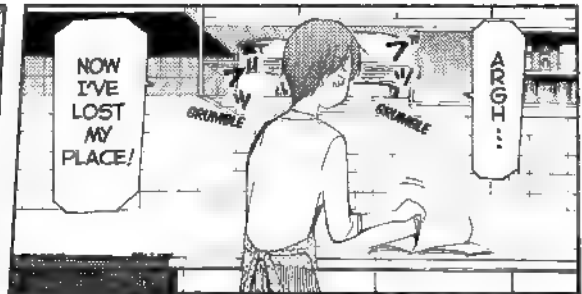
HUH...?



LIAR! YOU WERE GONNA PUT THEM IN THE CURRY!!

I...IT'S JUST FOR DECORATION!!

HEY! AREN'T THOSE HABANERO PEPPERS?!





HUH
...?

...



TAP

TAP

TAP

HUH
...?
OKAY
...



YOU
CAN
START
WITH-
OUT
ME.



IT'S
NOR-
MAL
...

SNIFF
~
~
~
SNIFF



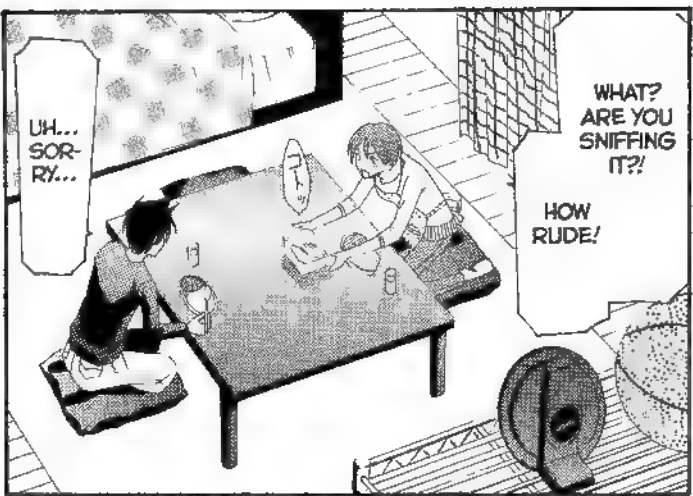
HUH
...?

I'LL
MAKE
A
SALAD,
TOO.



O...
OKAY
...

JUST
HURRY
UP AND
TRY IT
OUT!



UH...
SOR-
RY...

WHAT?
ARE YOU
SNIFFING
IT?!

HOW
RUDE!

MUNCH

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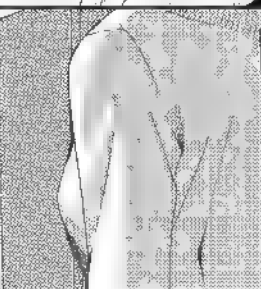


I'M
SO
HAPPY!

MY
HARD
WORK
PAID
OFF!!



HUH
...?



WELL, I
NEVER
GOT THE
CHANCE
BEFORE.



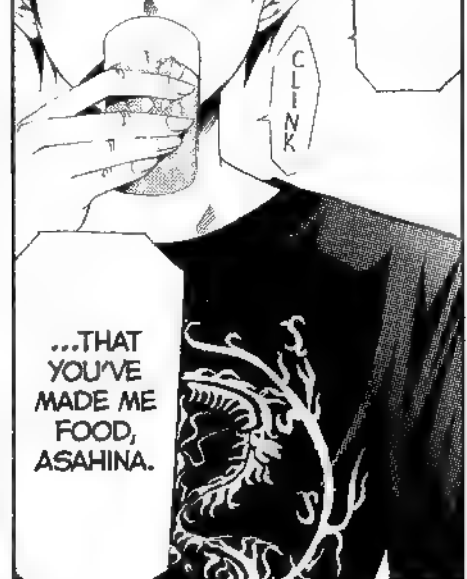
IT'S
THE
FIRST
TIME
...



WE NEVER
HAD THE
TIME TO
TAKE IT
EASY LIKE
THIS.

...AND
I WENT
ABROAD
TO
STUDY,
TOO...

FOR
THE
PAST
THREE
YEARS,
WE'VE
BEEN
BUSY
WITH
TRACK
...



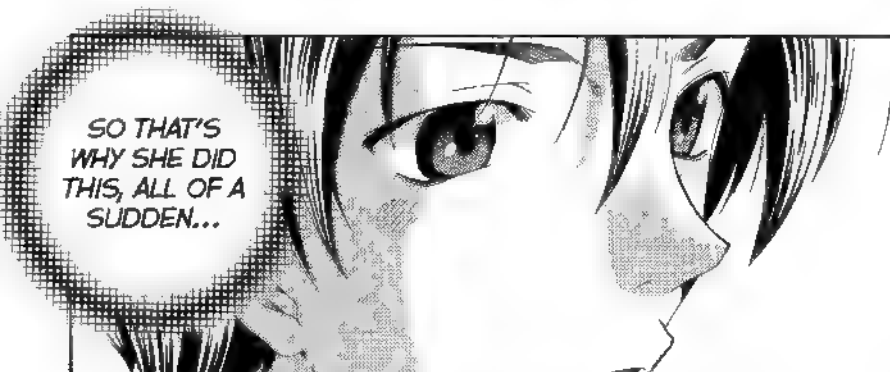
CLINK

...THAT
YOU'VE
MADE ME
FOOD,
ASAHINA.



...TO
DO THE
THINGS
THAT
COUPLES
DO,
YAMATO-
KUN.

SO I
WANNA
USE THE
TIME WE
HAVE
NOW...



SO THAT'S
WHY SHE DID
THIS, ALL OF A
SUDDEN...

ASA-
HINA
...



HUH
...?

I'M
SORRY.



I MIGHT'VE
GOTTEN A
BIT FLUS-
TERED TOO,
WANTING TO
SHOW YOU
MY GOOD
SIDE...



TH...THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN
I WANT
YOU TO
SLACK
OFF ON
YOUR
RUN-
NING
...
I
JUST
WANT
US
TO...
WELL
...



BUT I'LL BE
ABSORBED
IN TRACK AT
UNIVERSITY
NEXT YEAR
WHETHER I
LIKE IT OR
NOT...



...TO TAKE
IT EASY
LIKE WE'RE
DOING NOW,
RIGHT?

SO I
GUESS
IT'S
OKAY...



UH
...

BESIDES,
YOU'LL
PROBABLY
GET BETTER
AT COOKING
THIS WAY,
TOO...

CHOMP



YEAH
...

THAT'S
THOOOOT!!



THE RED
STUFF
IN THE
SALAD IS
JUST FOR
DECORA-
TION...

W...WELL,
IT LOOKS
PRETTIER
WITH A BIT
OF COLOR!!

WHY DID
YOU END
UP USING
IT?!

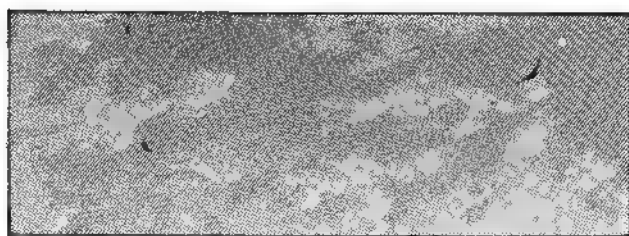
AND
LIKE
PAPRIKA,
TOO!!

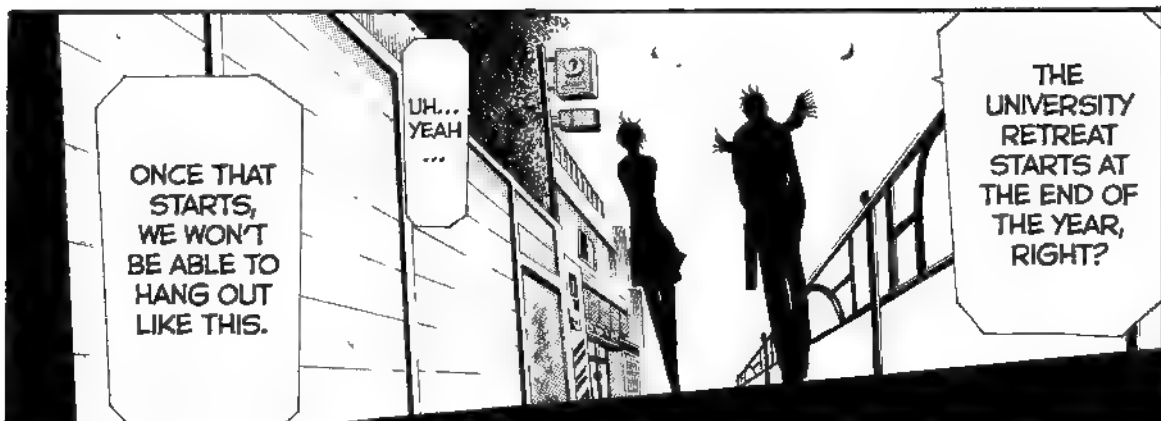
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REGULAR CURRY AND HABANERO SALAD

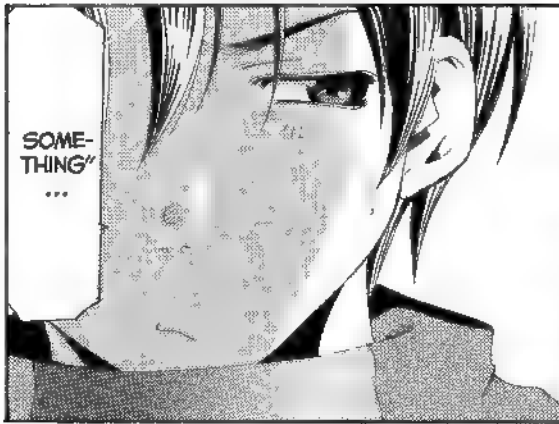


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#150 THE TRIP







LUCKY,
HUH?

THEY'RE
GOING ON A
THREE-NIGHT
TRIP TO HAWAII
WITH SOME
FRIENDS.



...AND I
LOOKED
FOR IT
ALL NIGHT.
WHERE DO
YOU THINK
IT WAS?

OH...THAT
REMINDS
ME. WHEN I
WAS ON MY
HONEYMOON,
I LOST MY
PASSPORT...



THEY
WENT ON
A TRIP,
DIDN'T
THEY...

HAWAII
ASIDE
...



HUH?
WHAT?

I SAID,
WHERE
DO YOU
THINK IT
WAS?

HUH
...?
WHAT?

HEY,
YAMATO-
KUN!
ARE YOU
LISTEN-
ING?!

HAWAII
?!

YES.

I'VE
BEEN THERE
ONLY ONCE,
FOR MY
HONEYMOON.
APPARENTLY
IT'S GOTTEN
A LOT
CHEAPER
RECENTLY.

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NHK

YAMATO AKITSUKI

I
DON'T
THINK
SHE'D
BE OKAY
WITH
IT...

SHE
SEEMS
UPTIGHT
ABOUT
STUFF
LIKE
THAT
...

THERE'S
NOTHING
MORE
MEMORA-
BLE THAN A
TRIP, TO BE
SURE...

MM...

...

BUT
WE'D BE
STAYING
THE
NIGHT
...

ON A
TRIP WITH
ASAHIINA
...

BUT
I DO
WANT TO
GO...



A
TRIP?

HUH
...?



HUH
?!

THAT
SOUNDS
NICE!
AND
WINTER
BREAK IS
ALMOST
HERE!

WHERE
SHOULD
WE GO?!



UH...
ABOUT
THAT...

ALTHOUGH
WE CAN'T
GO VERY
FAR SINCE
IT'LL JUST
BE A DAY
TRIP...



YEAH...
I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT
IT, AND
...

...THAT'S
REALLY
THE ONLY
THING I
COULD
COME UP
WITH.



HUH
...?

I WAS...
THINKING
WE'D STAY
OVER-
NIGHT...



STAY
OVER-
NIGHT?!



I HAVEN'T
DECIDED
WHERE,
BUT...
MAYBE
FOR ONE
NIGHT...

YEAH
...



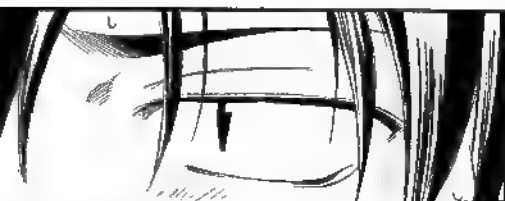
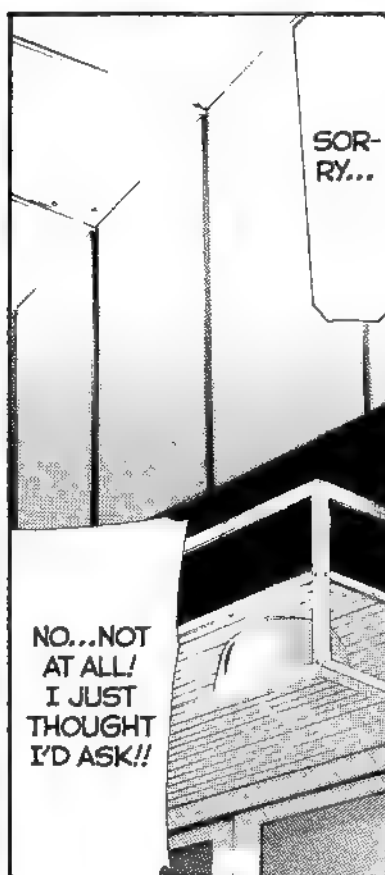
I'M...
OKAY
WITH IT
...

WELL
...



UH...
UM...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
...?







LIKE
SAOTOME-
SAN AND
HER
FRIENDS
AND THEIR
HAWAII
TRIP...

AW,
SHUCKS!
EVERY-
ONE'S
HAVING
SO MUCH
FUN!



DON'T
BE
STUPID.

SHE
WENT
ON A
DATE
WITH A
GUY, I
BET!
SHE
SEEMED
PRETTY
EXCITED!



OH...!
SHOULD THE
TWO OF US
GO SOME-
WHERE?!

TRIP,
HUH...? I
WANNA GO
SOME-
WHERE,
TOO.



HUH
...?

"A
TRIP"?
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

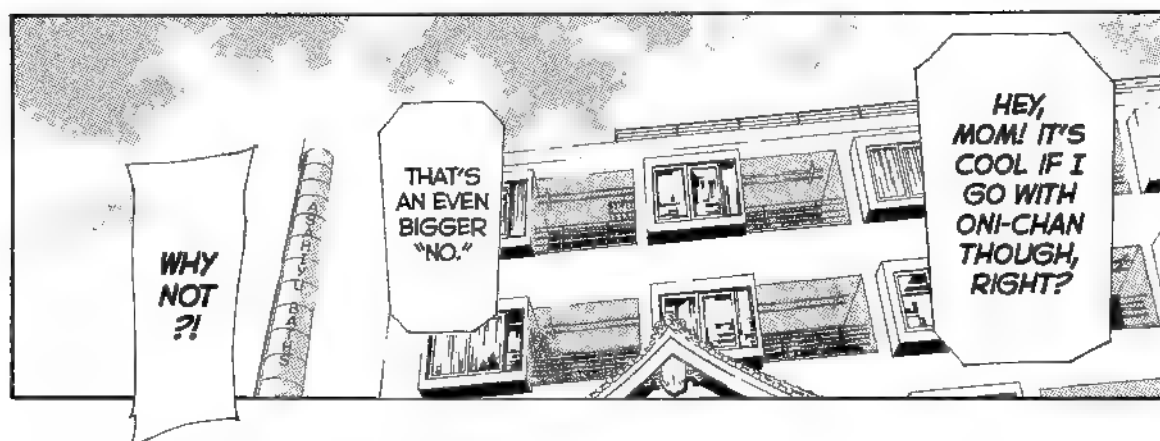


PLEASE!
IF I DO,
IT'LL BE
WITH
ASA-
HINA.

**NOT
FAIR!!**

...THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY
NO WAY I'LL
ALLOW THAT,
UNDER-
STOOD?

AS THE
PERSON
YOUR
PARENTS
TRUSTED
TO LOOK
AFTER
YOU...





HEY, YOUR NOSE IS RUNNING, Y'KNOW?

IF YOU'RE COLD, YOU SHOULD GO INSIDE.

MEOW!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER SPENT A PROPER CHRISTMAS WITH ASAHINA... SO I GUESS THAT'S MY PLAN FOR NOW...



HUH...?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?



WHERE DID YOU EVEN GO THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?

YOU'RE BACK...?

I'M BACK!



HUH?! HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?!

NEVER MIND THAT! C'MON!!

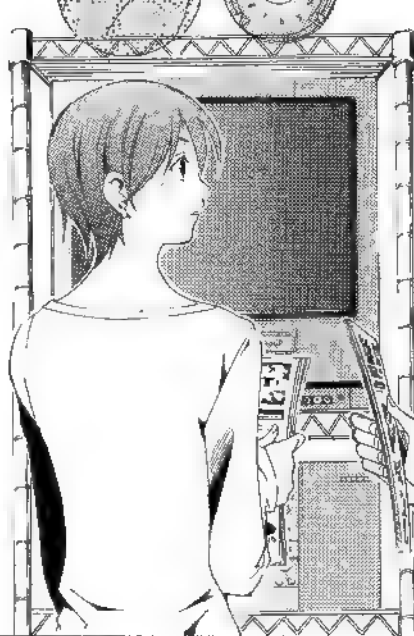




*TOURISM BROCHURES OF HOT SPRING LOCATIONS



THEY'RE
BROCHURES.
I GOT THEM
FROM THE
BOOKSTORE.



HAKONE,
YUGAWARA,
IZU...
SHINSHU...
ECHIGO-
YUZAWA...

WHAT'S
ALL
THIS...?

...FOR
OUR
TRIP?!



WHERE
SHOULD
WE GO...

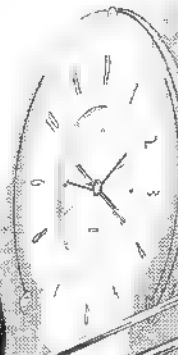
バーナーリップ

HAKONE
YUGAWARA

湘南
山梨

knt!
キョート・ナゴヤ・東京

W...WELL,
IT WAS SO
SUDDEN,
SO THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT
...



DIDN'T
YOU SAY
YES-
TERDAY
THAT WE
COULDN'T
GO...?



HUH...?
"TRIP"
?!

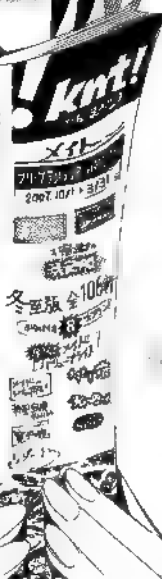
YEAH!

I REALLY
WANT TO
GO ON A
TRIP WITH
YOU!

BUT I
WANT
TO GO,
YAMATO-
KUN...

HAKONE
YUGAWARA
秩父 (風林火山)

豊州城址 湯島 冬山 眺望



...

NO,
THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
MEAN!

WE'VE
GOTTA
MAKE RES-
ERVATIONS
FAST,
SINCE THE
END OF THE
YEAR IS
TOURIST
SEASON...

THAT'S
WHY I GOT
THESE BRO-
CHURES!

NOT
IF WE
DON'T HUR-
RY!

UH...
BUT IS
THIS GONNA
BE OKAY?



HUH
...?

IS
YOUR
DAD
...
OKAY
WITH
IT...?



I
DIDN'T
ASK...

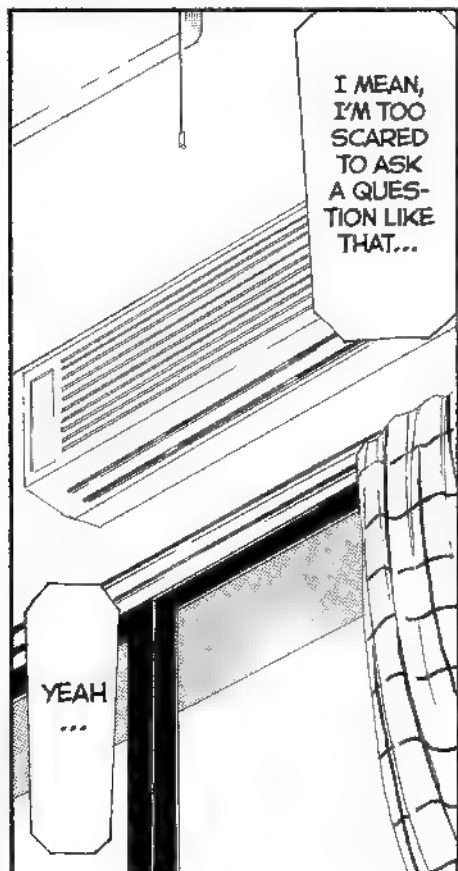
I
DUN-
NO...



AND WHEN
I TOLD
AYANO-SAN
EARLIER,
SHE FLAT
OUT SAID
NO, TOO...



...
I...I
SEE
...
YEAH
...



I MEAN,
I'M TOO
SCARED
TO ASK
A QUES-
TION LIKE
THAT...

YEAH
...



YEAH
...

THEN, I
GUESS
...

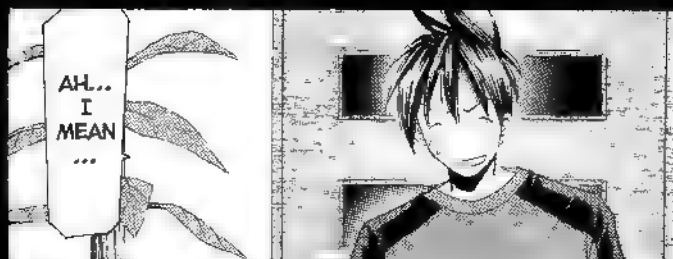


UM...
YEAH
...



DO
YOU
WANNA
STILL
GO...

AND
JUST
NOT
TELL
ANYONE
...?



AH...
I
MEAN
...



I FEEL
LIKE WE'RE
DOING
SOMETHING
BAD...



YEAH
...

WE DO
WANT
TO GO,
SO...



SUZUKA
涼風

#151 **TRUE INTENTIONS**





YEAH! BE-
SIDES, IT'LL BE
EASIER TO GET
AROUND IN A
PLACE THAT'S
FAMILIAR TO
YOU, ASAHINA!

WELL, I
GUESS...

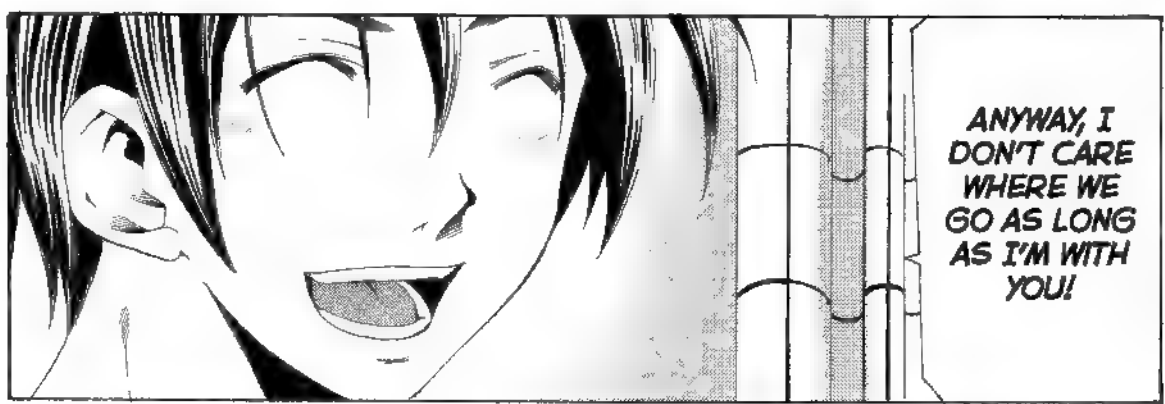


OKAY!
HAKONE,
IT IS!

LET'S
DECIDE
ON A
RYOKAN!

WHA...?
ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WANT TO
DECIDE SO
QUICKLY?!

*"RYOKAN" IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE INN



ANYWAY, I
DON'T CARE
WHERE WE
GO AS LONG
AS I'M WITH
YOU!



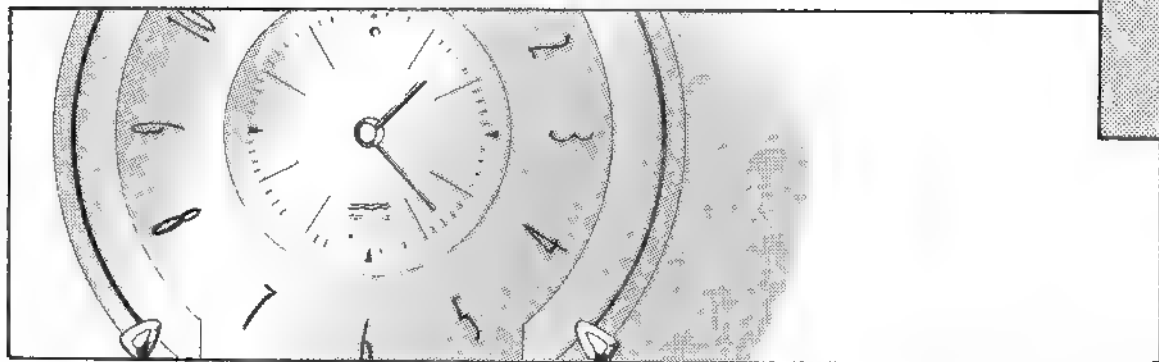
OH...
HEY,
HOW'S
THIS
PLACE
?!
THE
ROOM
EVEN
HAS AN
OPEN-AIR
BATH!!

HUH?!
NO, THAT'S
WAY TOO
EXPENSIVE!!
ARE YOU
KIDDING?!



JEEZ
...

I KNOW
I SUG-
GESTED
IT, BUT IT
WAS JUST
AN IDEA.





C'MON,
YAMATO-
KUN!

MAKE
THE
RESER-
VATION!



HUH
...?

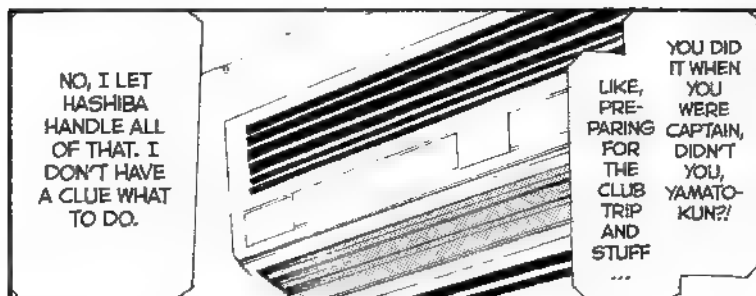
OKAY...
CALL
THEM.



NO WAY!
I'M BAD AT
MAKING
RESERVATIONS
OVER THE
PHONE!!

HUHHH?!
WHY
SHOULD
I DO IT?

AFTER
TAKING
ALL THAT
TIME TO
DECIDE ON
A RYOKAN,
IT SHOULD
BE YOU,
ASAHIINA!!



NO, I LET
HASHIBA
HANDLE ALL
OF THAT. I
DON'T HAVE
A CLUE WHAT
TO DO.

YOU DID
IT WHEN
YOU
WERE
CAPTAIN,
DIDN'T
YOU,
YAMATO-
KUN?!

LIKE,
PRE-
PARING
FOR THE
CLUB
TRIP
AND
STUFF
...



WHAT?
ARE
YOU
SERI-
OUS?



JUST
HURRY
UP
AND
CALL
THEM! I'M
GETTING
IMPA-
TIENT!!

HEY,
DON'T
GET
UPSET!

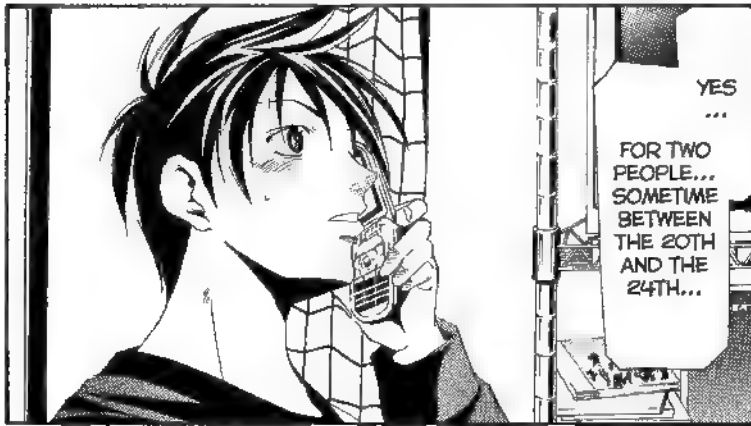
I'M
NOT
UPSET
!!



BUT WHAT
IF THE
RYOKAN
IS FULLY
BOOKED?

YOU
JUST
SAY
YOU
WANT
TO
MAKE
A
RESER-
VATION!

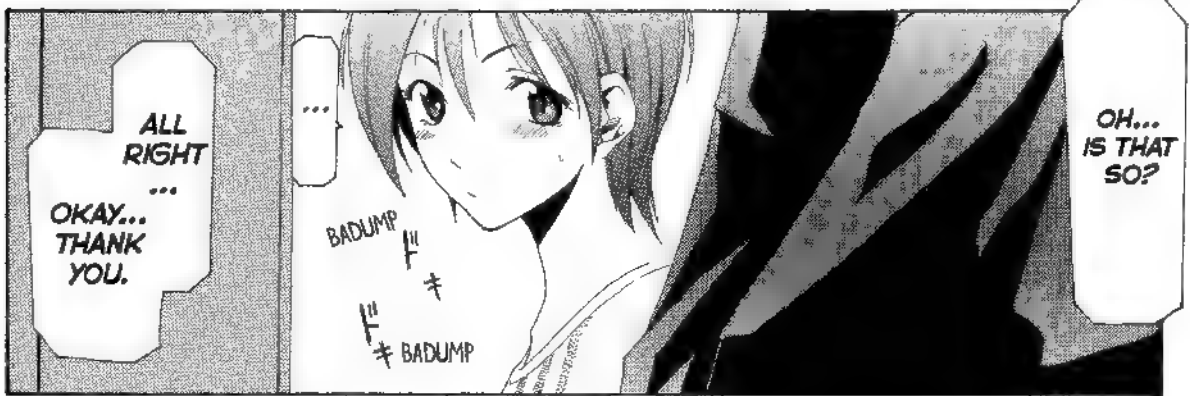
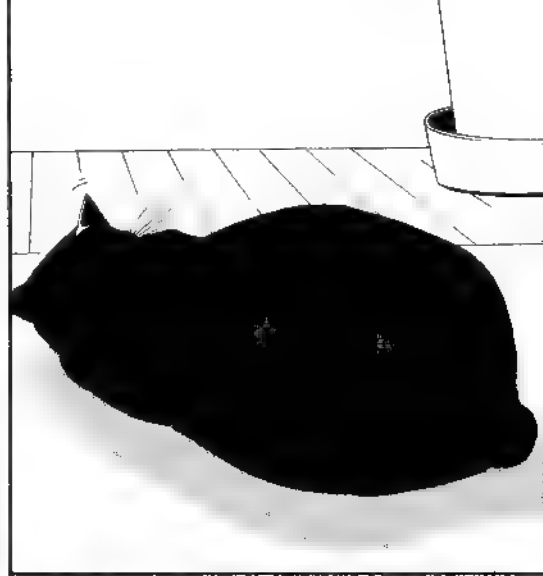
I'M
BAD AT
IT, TOO
...



YES

...

FOR TWO PEOPLE...
SOMETIME
BETWEEN
THE 20TH
AND THE
24TH...



ALL
RIGHT

...

OKAY...
THANK
YOU.

...

BADUMP

F#
F#
BADUMP

OH...
IS THAT
SO?



I
DID IT.

ONE
NIGHT'S
STAY
ON THE
22ND.

...

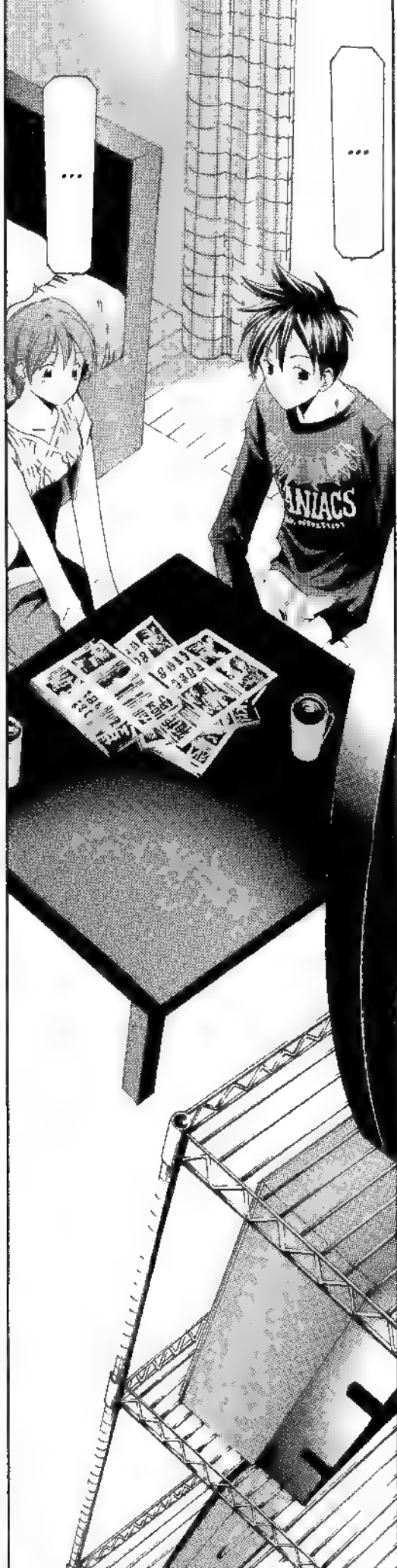
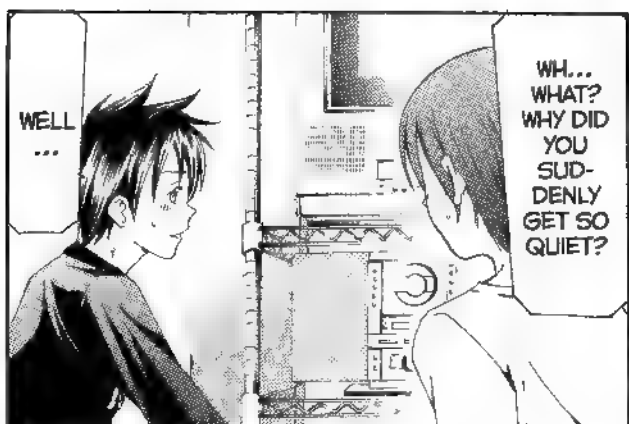


SO...
HOW'D
IT
GO?



OH

...





HUH
...?!

YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAKONE
TOGETHER?!



N...NOT
SO LOUD,
YOU
IDIOT!!

SHH,
MIKI!!



UH...
THAT'S
NOT
REALLY
WHAT
THIS IS
ABOUT
...

TELL
ME
ABOUT
IT!

WHEN
YOU GUYS
SAID YOU
HAD SOME-
THING TO
TELL US...

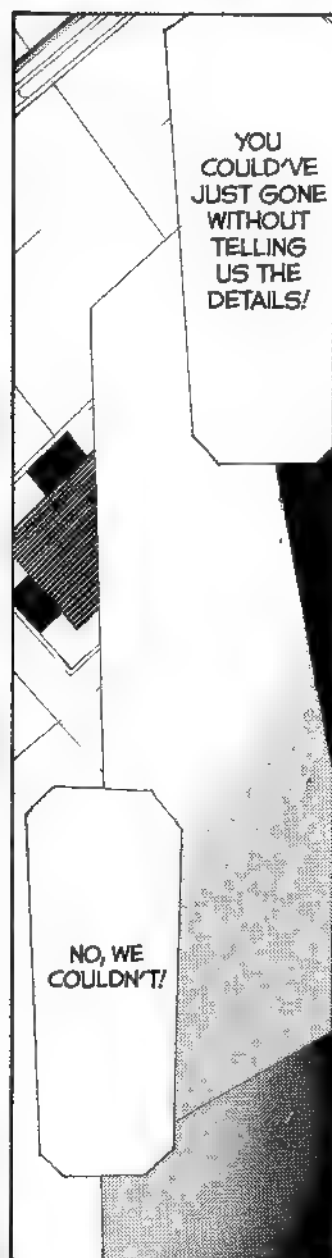
I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU'D JUST
BE PARADING
AROUND YOUR
RELATIONSHIP!



I MEAN,
AYANO-SAN
ALREADY
SAID NO...

MY
DAD'S EX-
TREMELY
STRICT
...

IF I TOLD
HIM WE
WERE GO-
ING ON AN
OVERNIGHT
TRIP, HE
WOULD'VE
OUTRIGHT
REFUSED...



YOU
COULD'VE
JUST GONE
WITHOUT
TELLING
US THE
DETAILS!

NO, WE
COULDN'T!



TH...
THAT'S
WHY WE
NEED
YOUR
HELP!

WHAT?
THEN
YOU
GUYS
CAN'T
GO!

"HELP"
...?



UH...STILL,
WOULDN'T
YOU HAVE TO
COME BACK
TO ASAHIMU
AT NIGHT?

...WE
WANT YOU,
YASUNOBU,
TO ACT LIKE
YOU WENT
OUT WITH
ME, AND
YOU, MIKI,
TO ACT LIKE
YOU WENT
OUT WITH
ASAHINA.

ANYWAY,
ON THAT
DAY...



AND
YOU WENT
BACK TO
HIROSHI-
MA?

SO WE'RE
GONNA MAKE
IT SEEM LIKE
ASAHINA IS
STAYING AT
HER HOUSE
IN YOKOHAMA
...



TH...
THAT'S
WHY...

IT
SOUNDS
SUPER
SKETCHY
TO SAY
YOU'RE
STAYING
OVER
AT MY
PLACE.

SO
WHAT
ARE
YOU
GONNA
DO?

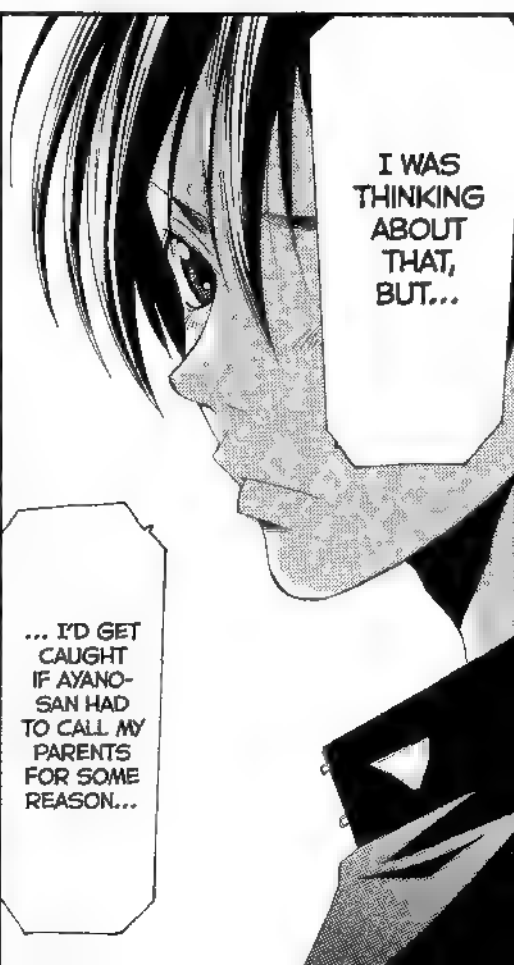


THAT'S
OKAY. JUST
PRETEND
THEY DO!!

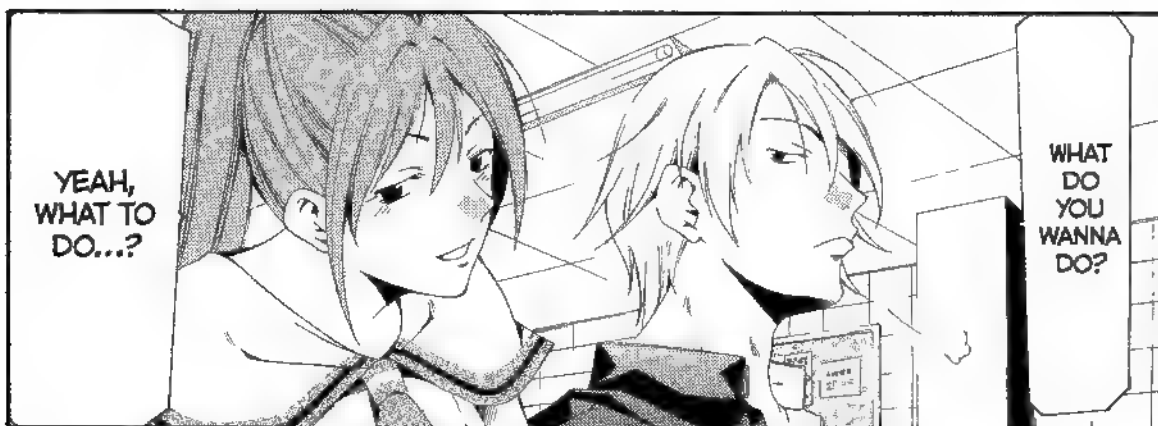
BUT
THEY DON'T
HAVE A
COTTAGE!!

I'M
GONNA SAY
I WENT ON
A SKI TRIP
TO YOUR
RELATIVES'
COTTAGE.

... I'D GET
CAUGHT
IF AYANO-
SAN HAD
TO CALL MY
PARENTS
FOR SOME
REASON...



I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT
THAT,
BUT...





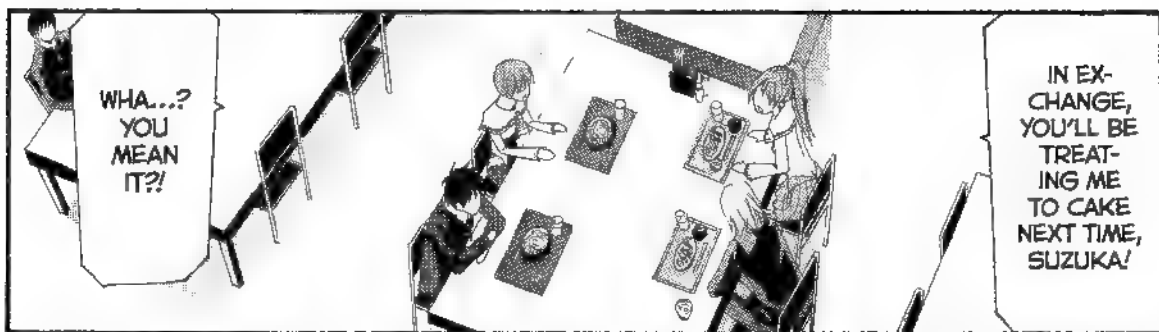
I'LL
HELP
YOU
OUT!

NO, IT
WAS A
JOKE!
WE'RE
JUST
TEASING
YOU A
LITTLE!!



HUH
?!

YEAH, I
GUESS IT
WASN'T
GONNA
HAPPEN
...



WHA...?
YOU
MEAN
IT?!

IN EX-
CHANGE,
YOU'LL BE
TREAT-
ING ME
TO CAKE
NEXT TIME,
SUZUKA!



REALLY
?!

HUH
...?!



THAT'S
SO EX-
PEN-
SIVE!!
WHY?!

OH...
ME TOO!!
PREMIUM
SALTED
OK
TONGUE
FOR ME!!

IN EX-
CHANGE,
YOU'RE
TREATING
ME TO
PREMIUM
KOREAN
BARBECUE,
YAMATO-
KUN!



AH,
WELL
...

I DON'T
MUCH
CARE FOR
YAMATO-
KUN...
BUT WHEN
SUZUKA-
CHAN ASKS
ME FOR A
FAVOR, I
JUST CAN'T
REFUSE.





HUH
...?

YOU
REALLY
THINK IT'S
GONNA BE
OKAY...?



I WANTED
TO GO ON
THIS TRIP
WITH YOU
PROUDLY...

I
MEAN
...



WHAT'S
THE
POINT
OF
SAYING
THAT
NOW?

...



I FEEL
LIKE IT'S
MY FAULT
THAT WE'RE
DOING ALL
THESE BAD
THINGS.

...BUT I
ENDED
UP MAK-
ING YOU
EVEN LIE
OVER
THIS...



HUH
...?!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO SAID
THERE'S
NO TURN-
ING BACK,
RIGHT?



I MIGHT
BE THE
ONE WHO'S
REALLY
MAKING US
DO THESE
THINGS,
Y'KNOW?

BESIDES,
I'M THE
ONE WHO
GOT THE
BRO-
CHURES
...



W...
WELL
...

THEN,
SHOULD
WE JUST
SAY
WE'RE
BOTH
GUILTY?



NO WAY!
I'M THE
ONE WHO
SUG-
GESTED
IT!!





...

OH...
RIGHT!!

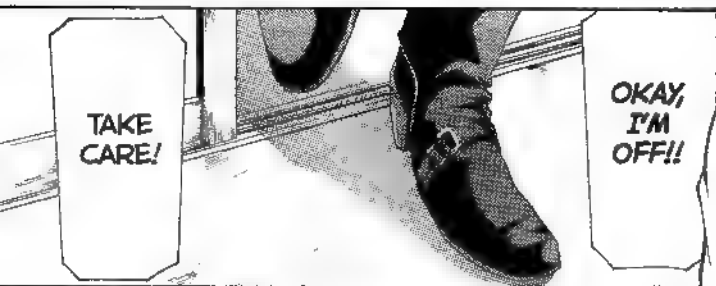
GLATIER

OH,
SUZUKA-
CHAAAAN!
YOUR
FRIEND
IS HERE!

TREMBLE

!!
!!

GOOD
MORN-
ING...



TAKE
CARE!

OKAY,
I'M
OFF!!



IT'S MORE
CONVINC-
ING IF I
COME
PICK
YOU UP,
RIGHT?

SORRY,
MIKI. YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE TO
COME
ALL THE
WAY
HERE...



!!
!!
TREMBLE



OKAY
...
SEE
YA!

ANYWAY,
TAKE
CARE,
OKAY?

YOU,
TOO,
AKI-
TSUKI!



BYE,
GUYS
...

UH...
YEAH
...



L...I
KNOW...
WHAT A
STRANGE
BOY...

AYANO-SAN,
I AM GOING
SKIING WITH
YASUNOBU!!



HEY,
YAMATO-
KUN...
SHOULDN'T
YOU BE
GETTING
READY?

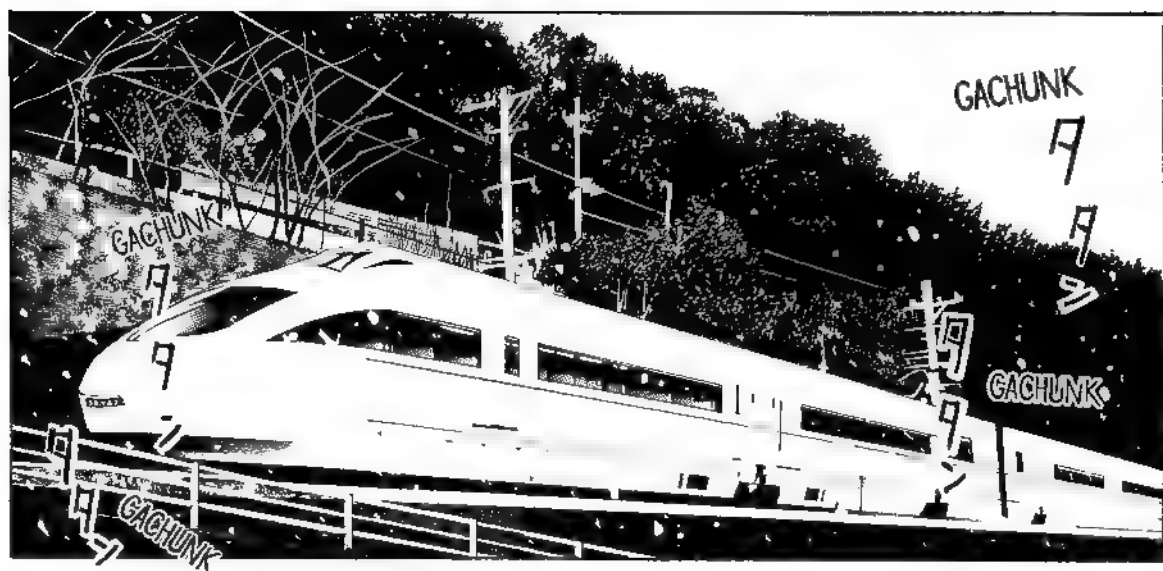
YOU'RE
GOING
SKIING,
AREN'T
YOU?

HUH?
UH,
YEAH!!

#152 CARRYING OUT THE PLAN



SUZUKA
涼風



WHEN YOU LEFT ASA-HIYU?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, YAMATO-KUN, DID AYANO-SAN SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?



SHE THINKS I'M GOING ON A SKI TRIP!

DON'T WORRY!!



I SAID, DON'T WORRY!! WE'RE NOT GON-NA GET CAUGHT!

YOU CAN BE A KLUTZ, SO I WAS WORRIED YOU LET SOMETHING SLIP.

I HOPE SO...

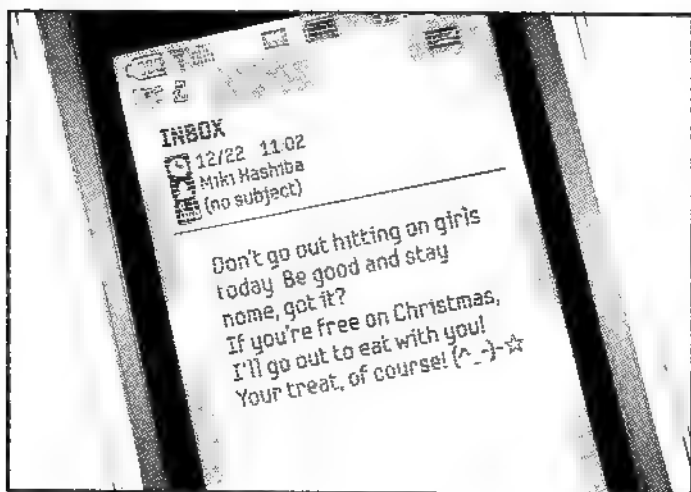


HEY, I WONDER IF WE CAN SEE MT. FUJI FROM HERE?!

I GUESS NOT WHEN IT'S THIS CLOUDY!!!

HEY, WOULD YOU SIT DOWN? YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME.







ALL THE
GIRLS
WHO'RE
SINGLE
DURING
THE HOLI-
DAYS ARE
BORING...

EVEN
SO...



I GOTTA
FIND A
CHICK I
CAN HANG
OUT WITH
ON THAT
DAY.

GOING
OUT TO
EAT WITH
HER ON
CHRIST-
MAS IS
NO JOKE
...



OH
...?



HEY!
HEY,
YOUNG
LADY!

COULD
I ASK
YOU FOR
DIREC-
TIONS?

HUH?
ME, A
"YOUNG
LADY"?
GOSH...



HM
...?

HUH
...?



SHE'S
NOT BAD
LOOKING
FROM BE-
HIND!!

IT CAN'T
HURT TO TRY
TALKING TO
HER!!



YASU-
NOBU-
KUN
...?



OH MY
GOD!! IT'S
AYANO-SAN!!

?!



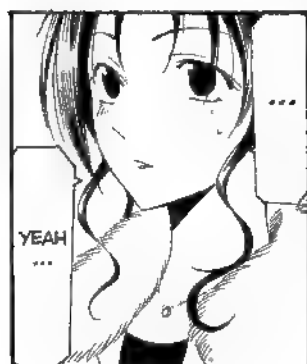
UM... I
THINK THAT
MIGHT'VE
BEEN YASU-
NOBU-KUN
...

MOM,
WHO
WAS
THAT
JUST
NOW?!

DID
YOU
GET
HIT
ON,
BY ANY
CHANCE?!



Y...YOU'VE
MISTAKEN
ME FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE!!



YEAH
...



HATTORI-
SEMPAI IS
ON A SKI
TRIP WITH
ONI-CHAN.

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?

HEY...
WAIT!



I GUESS
I WAS...
MISTAK-
EN...



WHATEV-
ER! WE
MADE IT
IN TIME!



CRAZY!
WHAT
LUCK!

BESIDES,
WE GOT
SWITCHED
TO THIS
NICE ROOM
'CAUSE OF A
LAST-MINUTE
CANCELLA-
TION...



HM...?
WHAT'S
UP?

WOW
...



AHHH!
BOY,
AM I
FULL!!

WHAT
A RELIEF
THAT WE
MADE
IT JUST
IN TIME
FOR
DINNER!

ALTHOUGH
WE
COULD'VE
TAKEN IT
EASIER HAD
WE NOT
GONE TO
LAKE ASHI.



THIS
ROOM
HAS AN
OPEN-AIR
BATH!!



AMAZING!
NORMALLY,
WE'D NEVER
GET TO STAY
IN A ROOM
LIKE THIS!

NO WAY!
REALLY?!



BUT I BET
SHE'D
THROW ME
OUT IF I
ASKED HER
TO GO IN
WITH ME...



OKAY,
I'M
GONNA
GO IN
FIRST.

HUH
...?

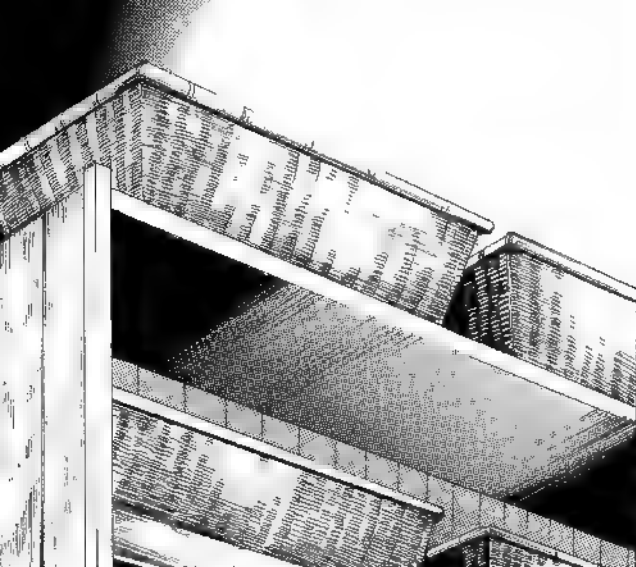
HEY
...

WANNA
GO IN
TO-
GETH-
ER?



YOU'RE
RIGHT
...

AN
OPEN-AIR
BATH COMES
WITH THIS
ROOM...



SERIOUSLY...?

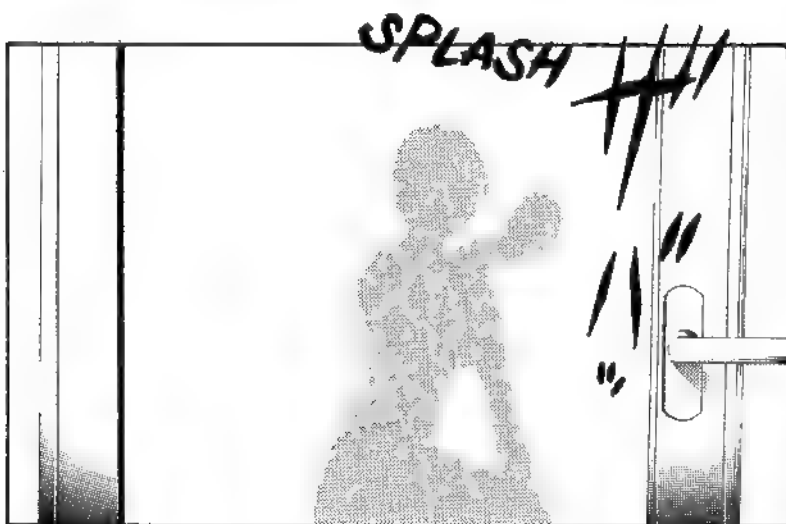
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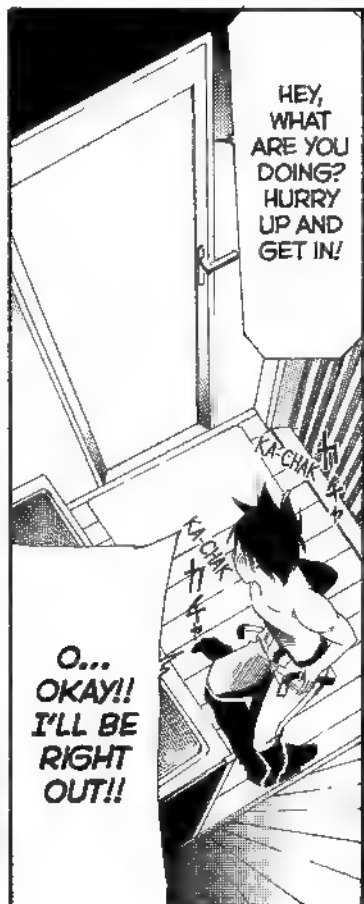
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO DO THIS...?

RUSTLE

WH...WHAT SHOULD I DO...?



SPLASH



HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND GET IN!

KA-CHAK

KA-CHAK

KA-CHAK

O... OKAY!! I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!!



THE TWO OF US...

...ARE FINALLY CLOSE ENOUGH TO TAKE BATHS TOGETHER!



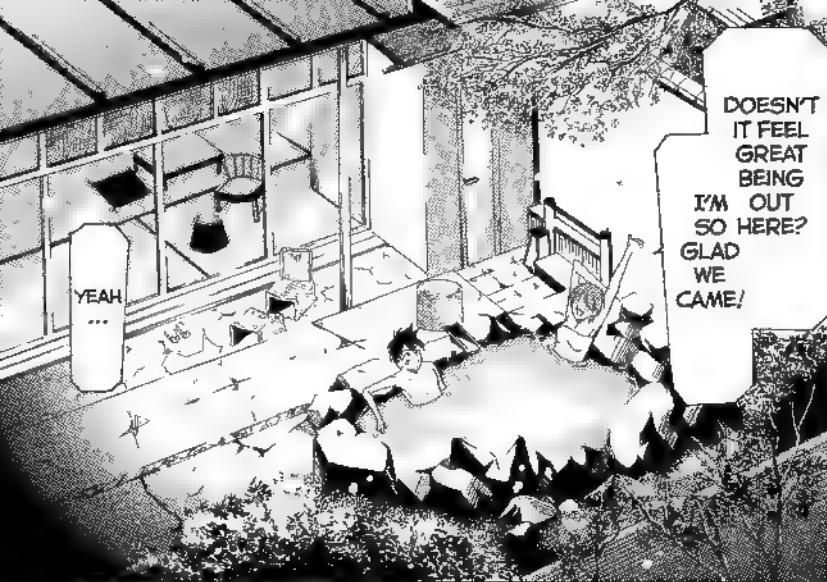
BADUMP

I'M SO GLAD WE CAME...

I GUESS TRAVELING BRINGS OUT THE CONFIDENCE IN A GIRL!

BADUMP





DOESN'T
IT FEEL
GREAT
BEING
OUT
SO HERE?
I'M
GLAD
WE
CAME!

YEAH
...



OH...
THAT'S
RIGHT!
WE CAN'T
SOAK OUR
TOWEL IN
THE WATER
IT'S
BAD
MAN-
NERS
...

SPLISH!



...



MAN, MY
HEART'S
RACING...

I MEAN,
THERE'S
NOTHING
UNDERNEATH
THAT TOWEL
...



JUST...AS
SOMEONE
WORKING
AT ASAHIJU,
I HAVE TO
FOLLOW THE
RULES...

WHAT THE
HECK'S
A "BATH
HOUSE
GUY"?!



N...NO...
I JUST
THOUGHT
THAT, AS A
BATH HOUSE
GUY!!

YOU
HAVE A
FILTHY
MIND
...



SO I JUST
THOUGHT
IT'D BE A
GOOD IDEA
TO TAKE
MY TOWEL
OFF...



I SHOULD
TAKE MINE
OFF TOO,
HUH...?



FINE
...



FWUMP

IS
SHE
REALLY
...?!

UH...
NO, YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO—



WHY
ARE YOU
WEARING
THAT...?



I BROUGHT
IT FOR A
SITUATION
LIKE
THIS!
SINCE
YOU
HAVE A
DIRTY
MIND,
YAMATO-
KUN!

WHA
...?



HA HA HA!
SOME-
ONE'S
ANGRY!!!

SPLASH

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
INVITED ME
INTO THE
BATH!!
AND
SWIMSUITS
AREN'T
ALLOWED
EITHER,
Y'KNOW?!

SPLASH



I
TOOK
IT
OFF!

HAPPY
NOW?



!!

SLIP

UH...



ACK!!

YOU'RE
THE
ONE WHO
LOOS-
ENED IT!!

WHAP



WHAAA
?!

YOU STAY
IN THERE
LIKE
THAT FOR
AWHILE!
I'M GONNA
WASH UP!!

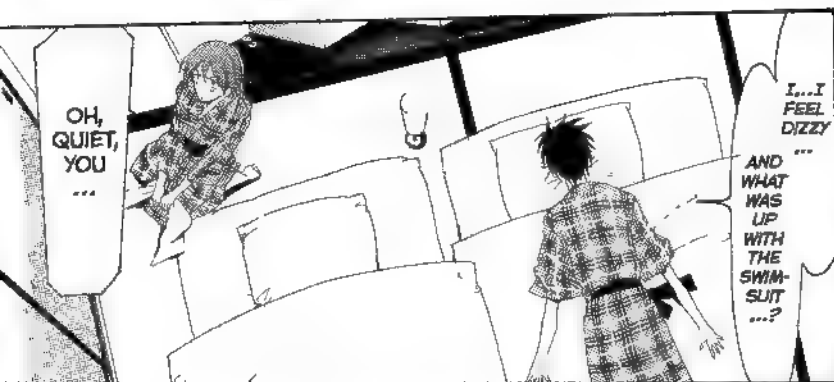
TIGHTEN



HA...
HA HA!

THAT'S
WHAT YOU
GET FOR
GOING INTO
THE BATH
WEARING A
SWIMSUIT!

NICE!!



OH,
QUIET,
YOU
...

I...I
FEEL
DIZZY

...
AND
WHAT
WAS
UP
WITH
THE
SWIM-
SUIT
...?

PHEW!
THE
WATER
FELT
GREAT!



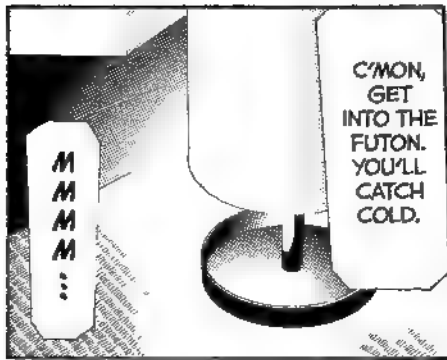
BUT I
DIDN'T
WANNA BE
NAKED
'CAUSE I'D
BE TOO
EMBAR-
RASSED...

I WANTED
TO GET
INTO THE
BATH
WITH
YOU...



HEY,
ARE
YOU
LISTEN-
ING?







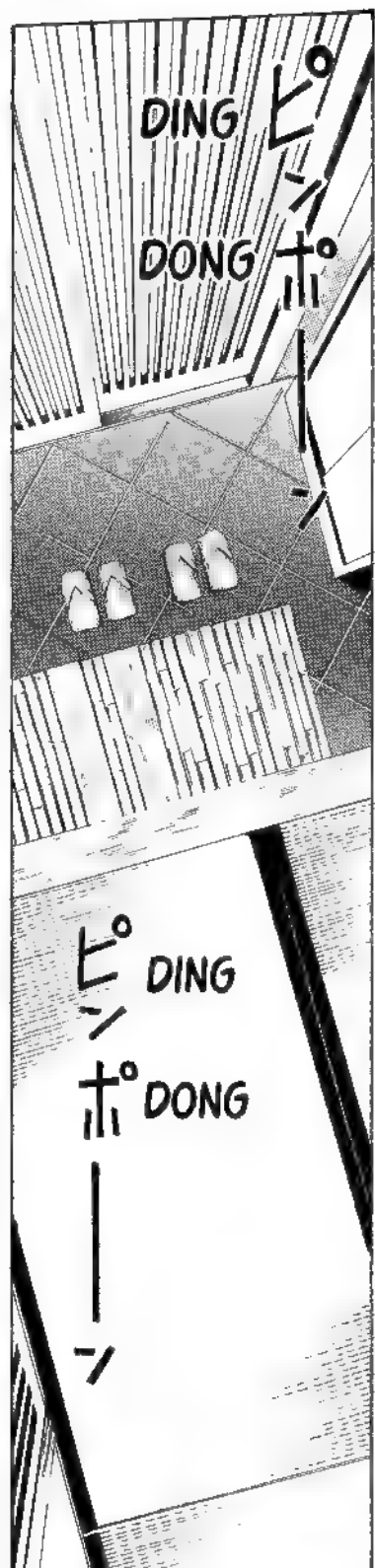
WHO'S
RINGING
THIS EAR-
LY IN THE
MORNING
...?

HM
...?



WHOA!!
WHY ARE
YOU IN MY
FUTON,
ASAHINA
...?

IT
SHOULD
BE THE
STAFF,
RIGHT?
I'M
PRETTY
SURE
IT'S
BREAK-
FAST...



DING
DONG

DING
DONG



GOOD
MORNI-

RATTLE
RATTLE



JUST
HURRY
UP AND
ANSWER
THE
DOOR.
YOU'RE
MAKING
THEM
WAIT!

OH...
RIGHT!

PATTER
PATTER



SUZUKA'S
THERE,
ISN'T
SHE...?

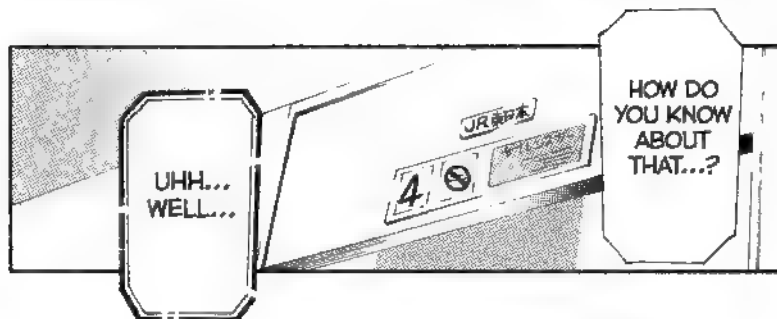


#153 INTERRUPTION

WH...WHY IS
ASAHINA'S
FATHER...?



HUH...?





SO WHEN
HE CALLED
AYANO-SAN,
HE HEARD
THAT SHE
WENT BACK
HOME WITH
HASHIBA.



APPAR-
ENTLY
SUZUKA-
CHAN'S
DAD
TRIED TO
CALL HER
ABOUT
SOME-
THING...

...BUT HE
COULDN'T
REACH
HER.



SO IT
SEEMS THEY
SUSPECTED
SHE WENT
SOMEWHERE
WITH YOU.



AND, WELL...
THE TRUTH
IS, I BUMPED
INTO AYANO-
SAN THAT
DAY, TOO...



I
SEE
...



HM?
YEAH,
I'M
SORRY
TOO,
MAN.

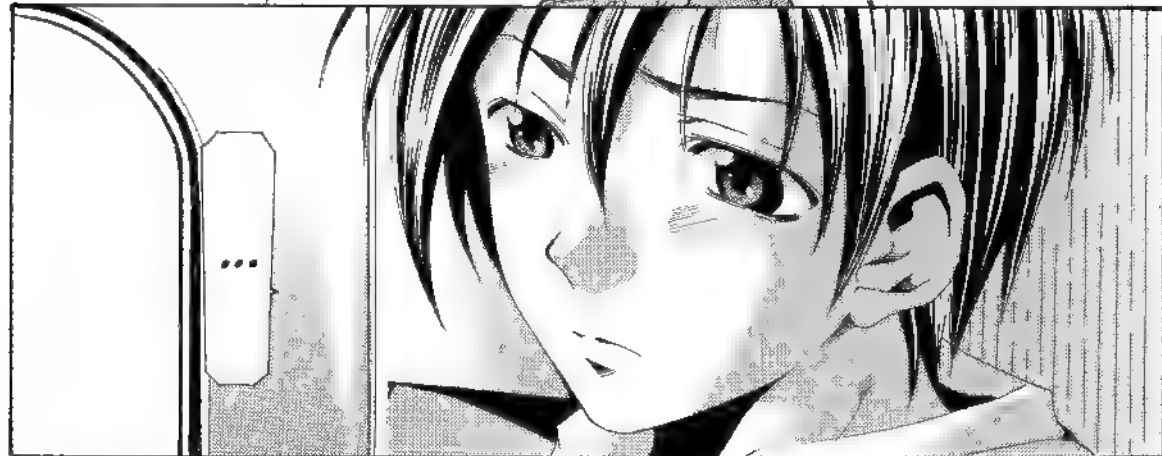
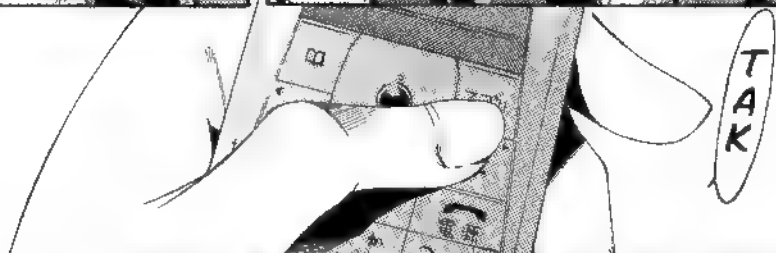
HEY
...

SORRY
FOR
GETTING
YOU
GUYS
MIXED
UP IN ALL
THIS...



HER DAD
GOT
REALLY
PISSED
OFF AND
CALLED
HASHIBA
AND ME...

I PLAYED
DUMB, BUT
STUPID
HASHIBA GOT
SCARED AND
TOLD HIM
THE RYOKAN
YOU WERE
STAYING AT.





I WAS
VERY
CLEAR
THAT YOU
WERE NOT
TO GO ON
A TRIP!!

WHAT ON
EARTH
WERE
YOU
THINK-
ING?!

I
KNOW
...

...

OKAY
...

IT'S
OKAY,
MIHO-
CHAN.

THANKS
...

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
MOM...

ONI-
CHAN'S
SORRY
...

SHUT
/ 10

LET'S
GO,

GORO-
CHAN.

MEOW

YOU
STAY
OUT OF
THIS!!



DO YOU
KNOW HOW
WORRIED
SUZUKA-
CHAN'S
FAMILY AND
I WERE...?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU
ASKED
YOUR
FRIENDS
TO LIE
FOR YOU...
...AND
THEN
YOU
WENT ON
A TRIP IN
SECRET!



I THOUGHT
IT WAS
STRANGE
THAT YOU
WENT ON A
SKI TRIP...



I'M
SORRY
...



HUH
...?

WELL...
IT'S NOT
LIKE I'M
TOTALLY
BLAME-
LESS,
EITHER.



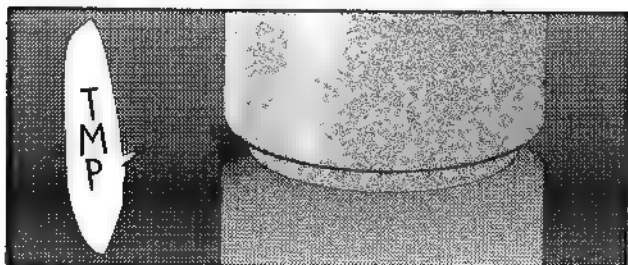
PLUS,
YOU'RE
STILL
HIGH-
SCHOOL
KIDS.

WHO
KNOWS
WHAT
COULD'VE
HAPPENED
TO YOU?



...I
COULDN'T
JUST LIE
TO HIM,
COULD
I...?

BUT
SUZUKA-
CHAN'S
FATHER
CALLED,
SO...



T
M
P



FORTU-
NATELY,
NOTHING
HAPPENED
THIS TIME.

IF IT
WERE JUST
ME WHO
FOUND OUT,
I'D HAVE
GOTTEN
ANGRY AT
THE BOTH
OF YOU
AND THAT
WOULD'VE
BEEN THE
END OF IT.



HE SAID
HE WAS
GONNA
HAVE
SUZUKA-
CHAN
STAY
AT HOME
FOR THE
NEXT WHILE.

ANYWAY,
YOU
SHOULD
GO APOL-
OGIZE
SOMETIME
SOON...



AYA-
NO-
SAN
...



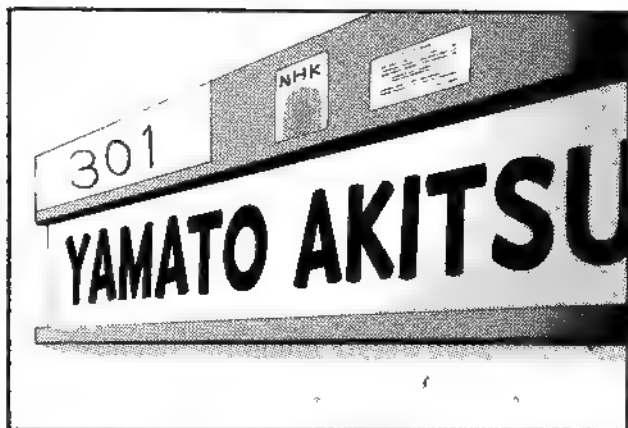
YEAH
...

I'LL
DO THAT
...



THE
NUMBER
YOU HAVE
REACHED
IS CUR-
RENTLY
NOT IN
SERVICE.

HUH
...?



...



DID HE
CUT OFF
ASAHINA'S
CELL
PHONE,
BY ANY
CHANCE?



RRRING...

BADUMP!!
BADUMP!!

RRRING...



TAK
TAK
TAK

I
SHOULD
...



UH...UM...
THIS IS
AKITSUKI.
I WANTED
TO...UH...

IT'S
HER
DAD!

ASAHINA
SPEAK-
ING.

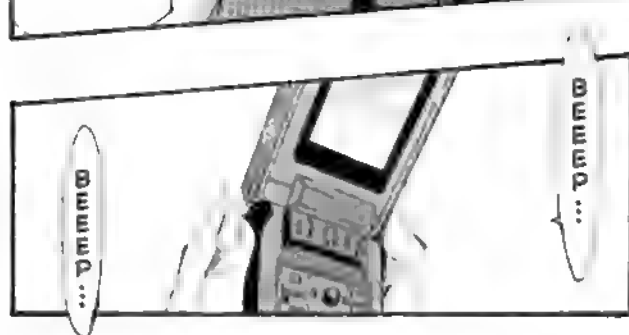
CLAK

...APOLO-
GIZE TO
HER DAD,
EVEN IF
IT'S OVER
THE PHONE.



SORRY,
BUT I
THINK IT'S
BEST THAT
YOU DON'T
CALL FOR
A LONG
TIME.

...!!



bumma...

...bumma



I DIDN'T
KNOW
HE WAS
THAT
ANGRY...

WHAT
DO I
DO
...?

...



B...
BUT!!

CLICK







I DON'T
THINK YOU
NEED TO
WORRY.

APPAR-
ENTLY,
IT'S NOT
SERIOUS,
BUT
THEY'RE
PLAYING IT
SAFE.



UH...
YEAH...
NO...

YOU
DIDN'T
HEAR
ANYTHING
EVEN
THOUGH
YOU GUYS
ARE
DATING?



HUH...



ANYWAY,
WHAT YOU
CAN DO
NOW IS
PRACTICE!

GET
CRACKIN'!!

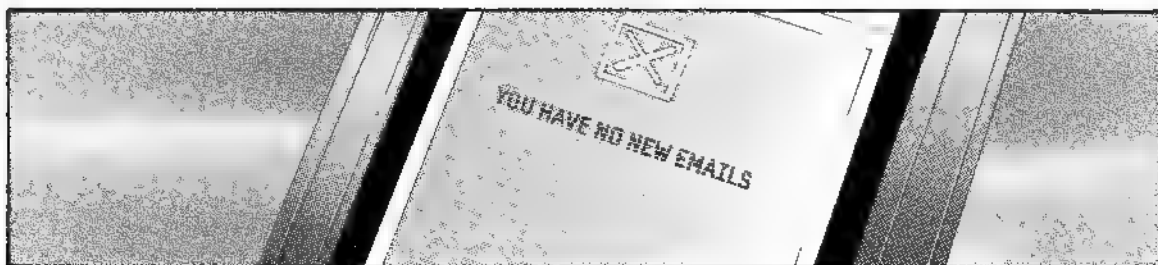
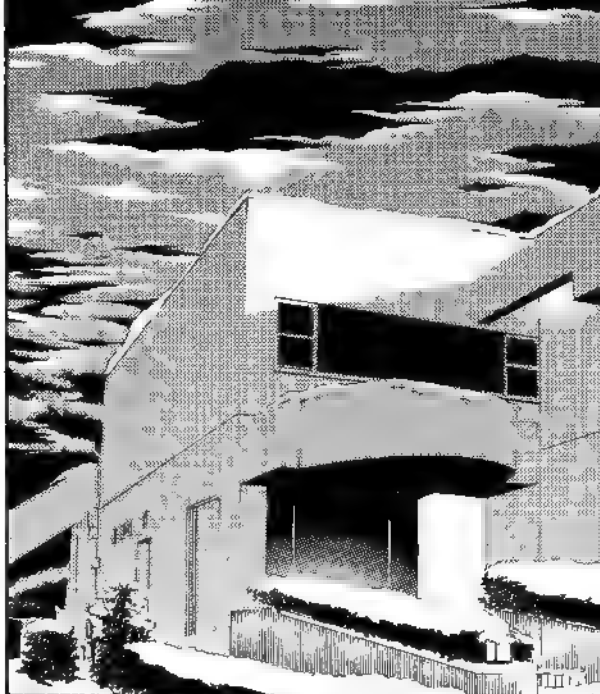
OKAY
...

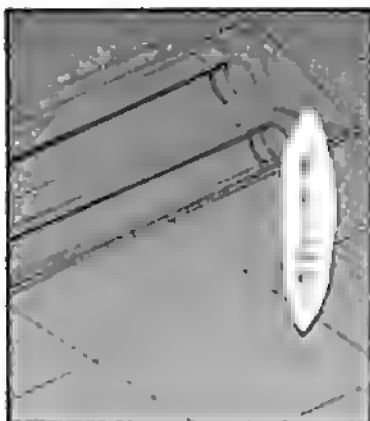


YOU
LITTLE
WUSS!
IT'S
JUST
TWO OR
THREE
DAYS!!

YOU
CAN SEE
HER AS
MUCH AS
YOU WANT
AFTER THE
RETREAT!

ACK!



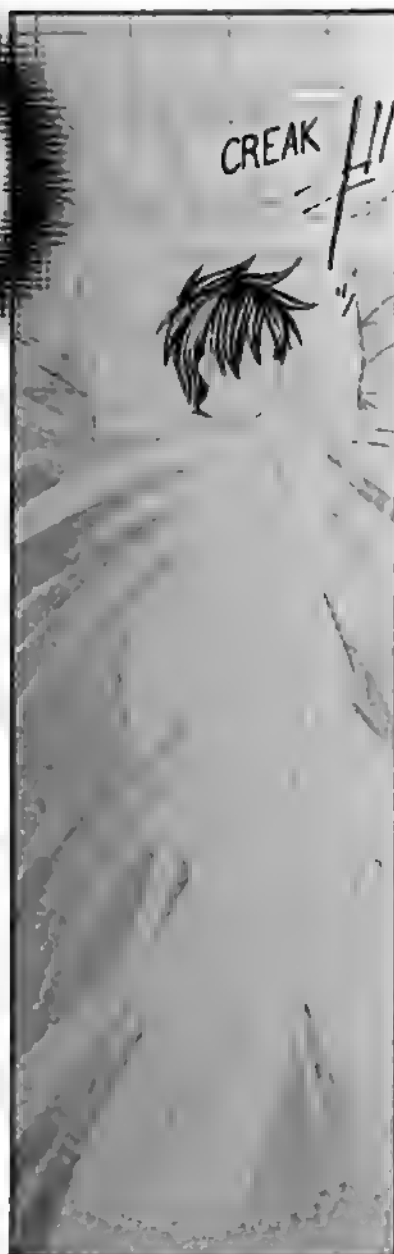


SORRY...

WE HAVE AN EARLY MORNING TOMORROW. GO TO BED SOON, OKAY? YOU WERE COMPLETELY OUT OF IT TODAY, MAN!



OH, YOU KNOW HOW MURDER SUZUKA CHAN'S FAMILY ARE! WE'RE...

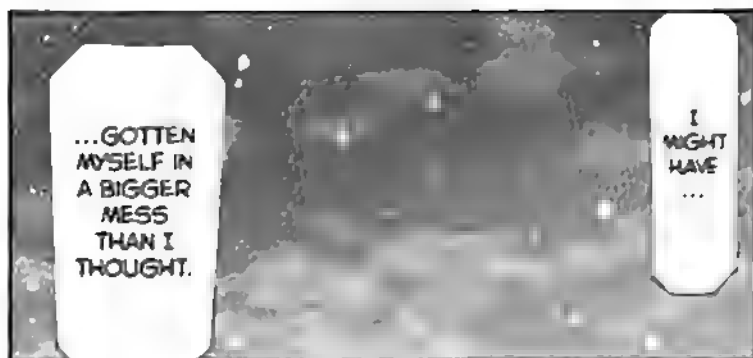


CREAK



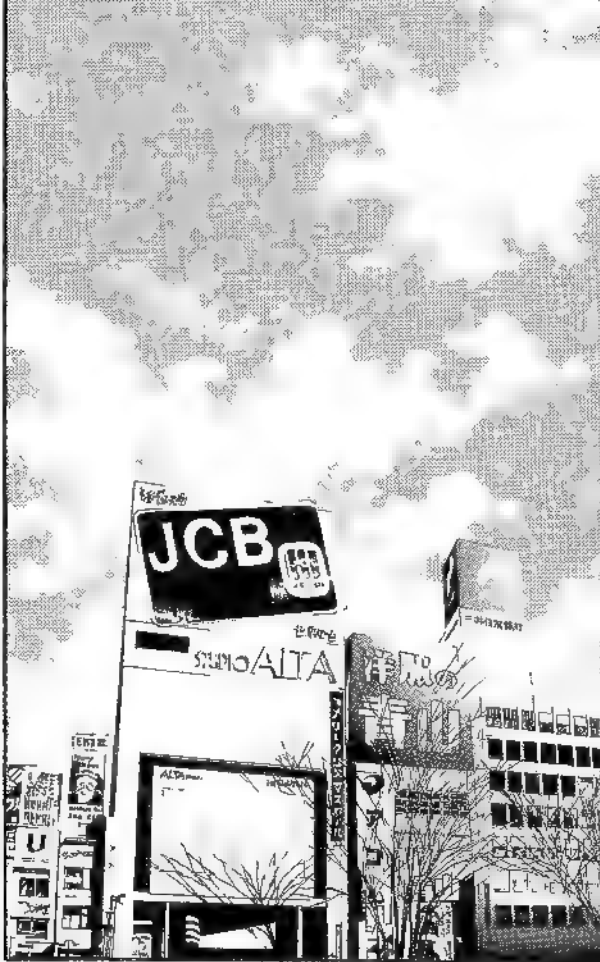
SORRY, BUT...

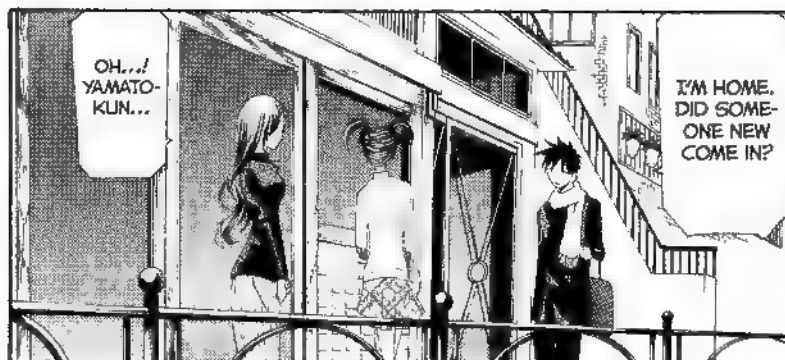
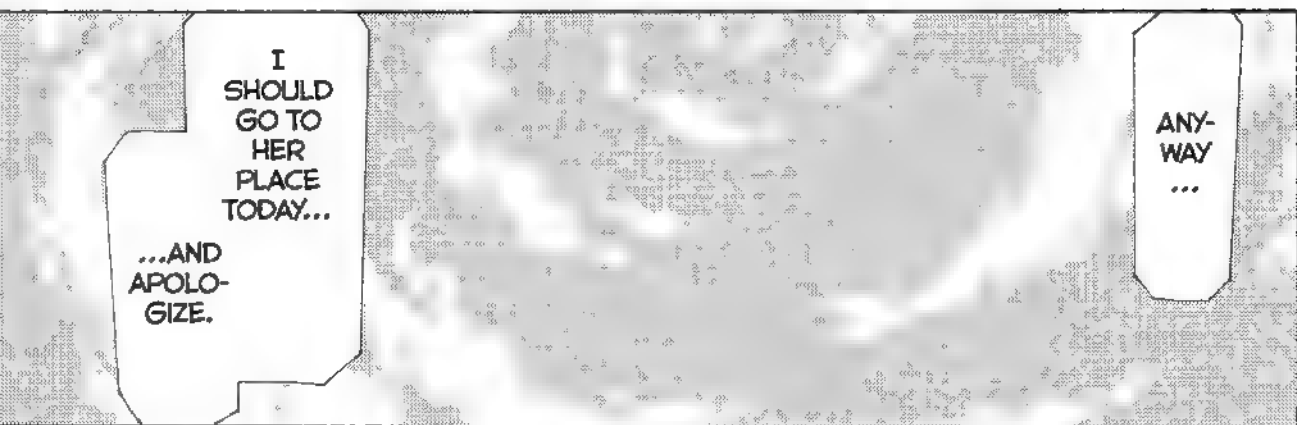
...I THINK IT'S BEST THAT YOU DON'T CALL FOR A LONG TIME.



...GOTTEN MYSELF IN A BIGGER MESS THAN I THOUGHT.

I MIGHT HAVE ...





SUZUKA-
CHAN'S
FATHER
CALLED...

YESTER-
DAY...



...TAKE
SUZUKA-
CHAN
OUT OF
THE
APART-
MENT...

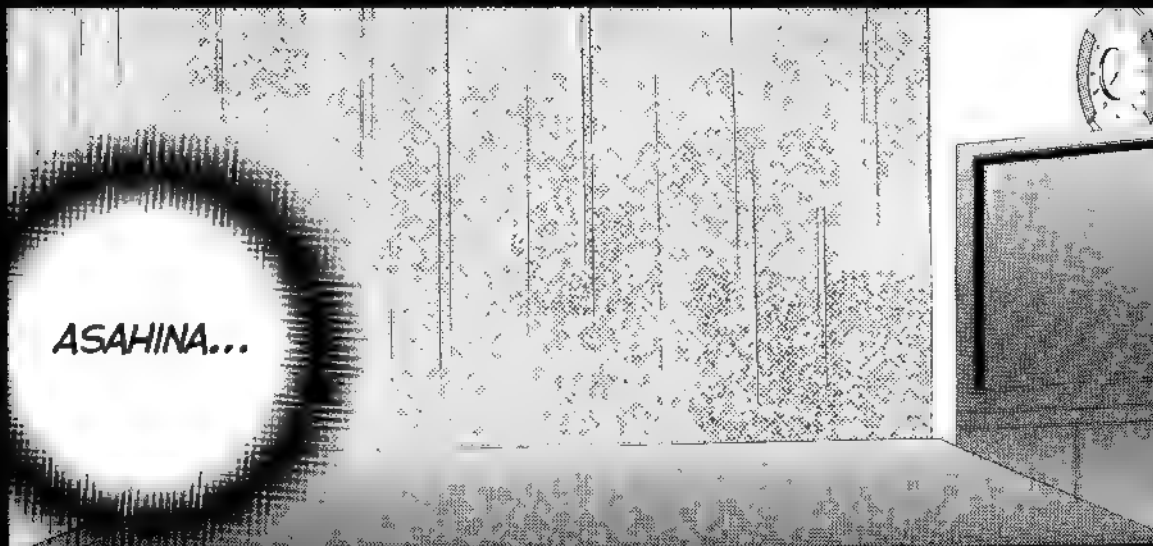
HE SAID
HE WAS
GOING
TO...



WHAT
...?

WHOOSH





SUZUKA



SUZUKA
涼風

#154 THE APOLOGY



UH, WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING,
HASHIBA?

IT'LL
BE FINE...
YEAH...
I SAID
DON'T
WORRRY...



IT'S MY
FAULT THAT
I KEPT IT A
SECRET...

I TOLD
YOU
BEFORE,
DIDN'T I?
YOU DID
NOTHING
WRONG.

WELL...

I NEVER
THAWD
THAD
THINGS
WOULD
GED THIS
BAD!

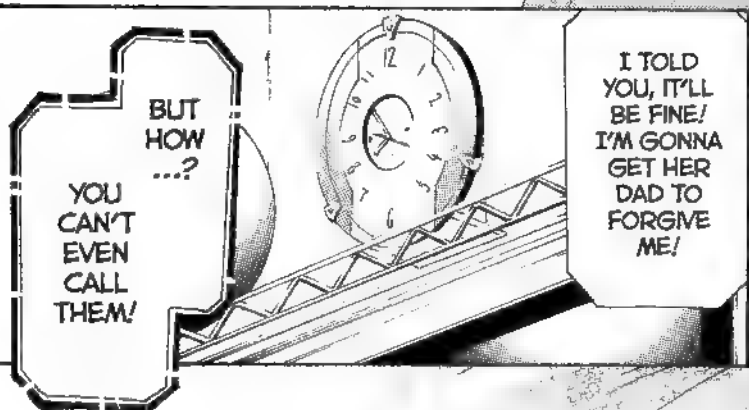


SOB

I'M
SO
SOR-
RRR-
RYYYY
!!

S N I F F

S N I F F

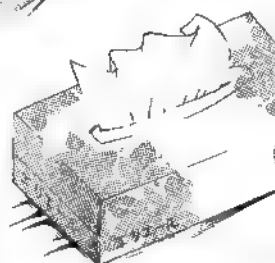


BUT
HOW
...?

YOU
CAN'T
EVEN
CALL
THEM!

I TOLD
YOU, IT'LL
BE FINE!
I'M GONNA
GET HER
DAD TO
FORGIVE
ME!

ID'S MY
FAULD
THAD
SUZUKA
MOVED
OUT!





SORRY,
BUT I THINK
IT'S BEST THAT
YOU DON'T CALL
FOR A LONG
TIME.

W...
WELL...



REALLY
...?

WHAT-
EVER,
IT'LL BE
FINE!!

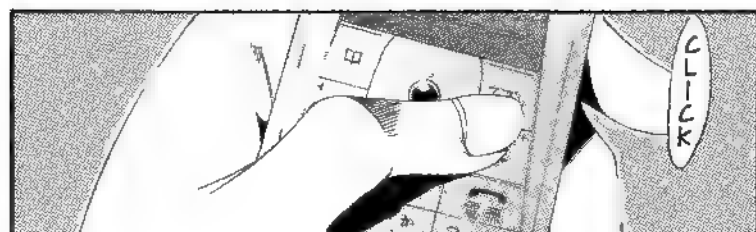
I HAVE
A FEW
IDEAS
ON
WHAT
TO DO!!



I'LL TAKE
CARE OF
THE REST...
YEAH...
BYE...

YEAH
...

THANKS
FOR YOUR
CONCERN.



CLICK



YEAH!
REALLY,
REALLY!

LIKE,
REALLY,
REALLY,
REALLY
...?

YES,
REAL-
LY!!

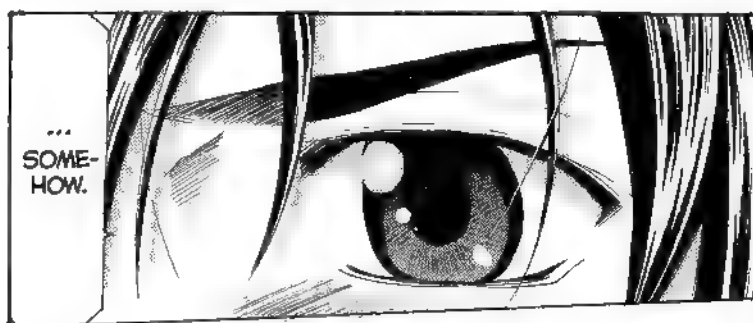


I SURE
GOT A
LOT OF
PEOPLE
MIXED UP
IN THIS...

HASHIBA...
YASUNOBU...
AND AYANO-
SAN...



SIGH
...



...
SOME-
HOW.



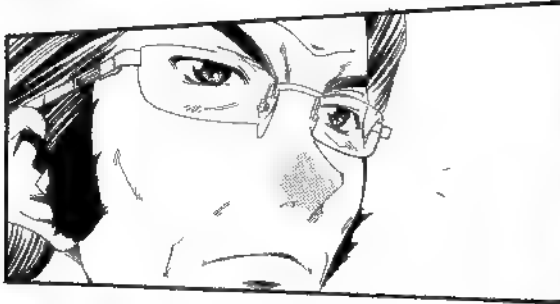
IF I
CAN'T
CALL...

...THEN
THERE'S
ONLY ONE
OTHER
WAY...



ANYWAY, I
GOTTA FIX
THIS...







I HAVE
NOTHING
TO SAY
TO YOU.

CRACK

GO
HOME
...



W...WAIT!!

UH!!



SHE HAS
A SLIGHT
COLD,
BUT IT'S
NOTHING
SERIOUS.

...



UH...
I'LL
COME
AGAIN
TOMOR-
ROW,
THEN
...

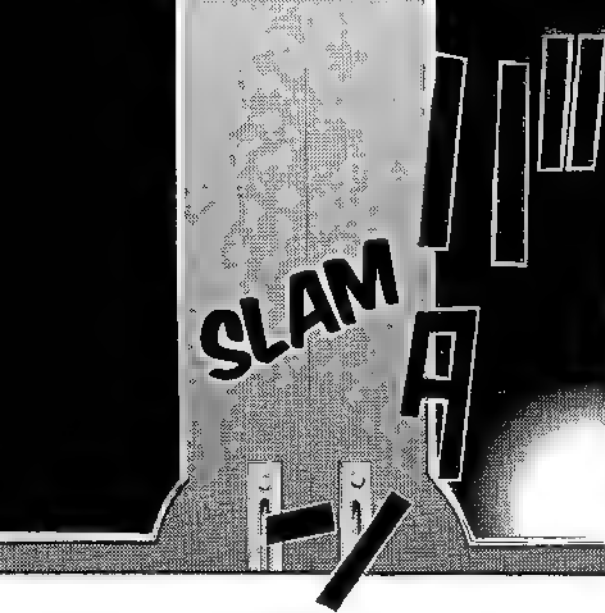
I
SEE
...



IS...
SUZUKA-
SAN
OKAY?

I HEARD
SHE
WASN'T
FEELING
WELL.

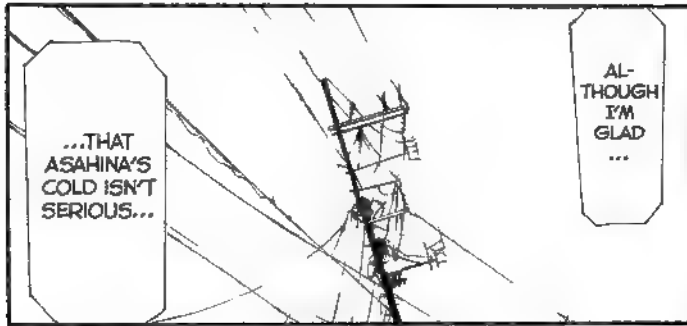
PLEASE
JUST TELL
ME THAT.





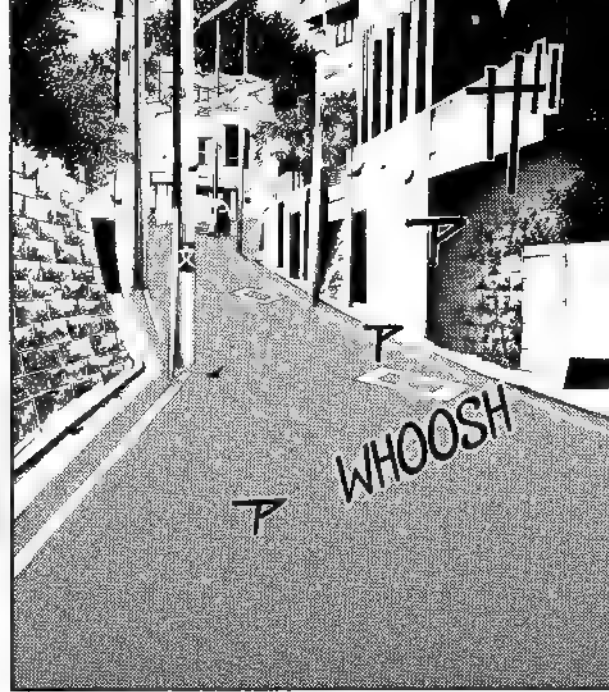
IT'S SO
COLD
TODAY...

WHOA
...



...THAT
ASAHINA'S
COLD ISN'T
SERIOUS...

AL-
THOUGH
I'M
GLAD
...



WHOOSH



CLOP

CLOP

YAMATO-
KUN!!

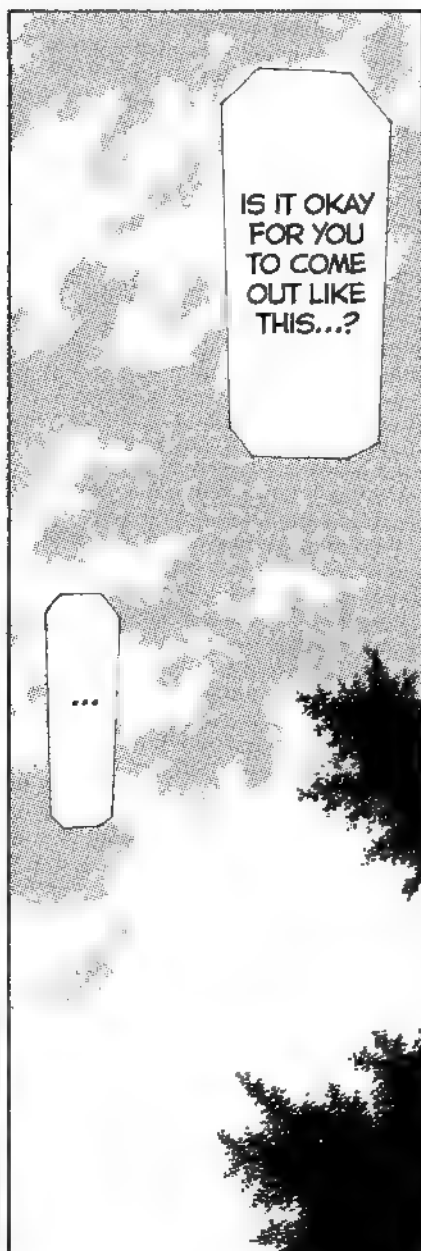


ASA-
HINA
...!



WAIT!!

YAMATO-
KUN!!







THANKS
...

...FOR
COMING...



ASA-
HINA
...

...



WHOOSH

IT'S
OKAY.
THAT
CAN'T BE
HELPED
...

SORRY...
I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO RE-
TURN TO
ASAHIJU...



ARE
YOU...
FEEL-
ING
BET-
TER?

YEAH
...

I'M
FINE
...





ASA-
HINA
...

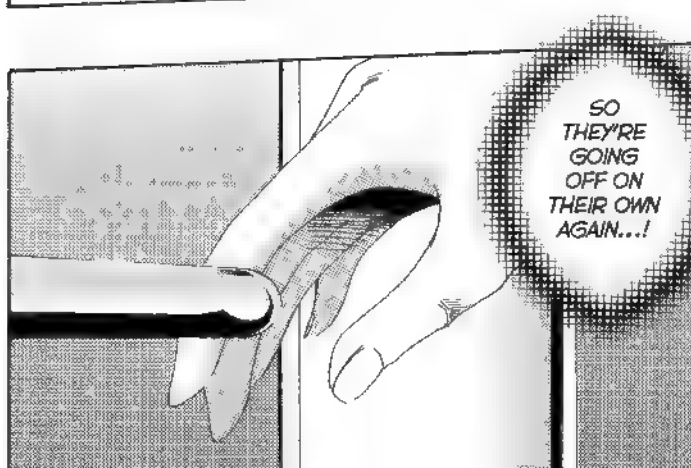


JUST
STAY...

...A
LITTLE
LONG-
GER...



...



HE LEFT
RIGHT AFTER
EVEN THOUGH
I WANTED TO
TALK A BIT
MORE...

BUT
YOU
KNOW

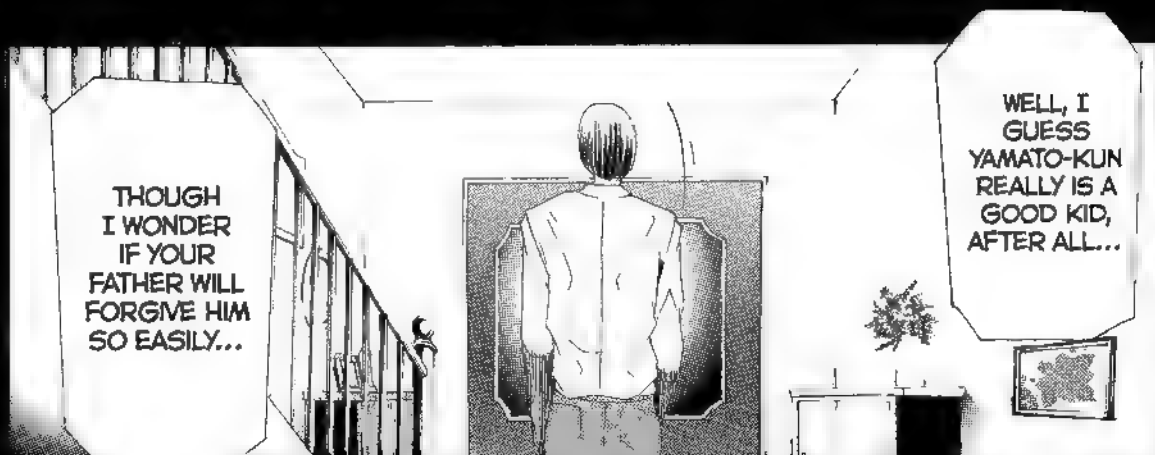
PAUSE

HE SAID
HE WASN'T
GONNA GO
BEHIND
DAD'S BACK
ANYMORE...

AND
THAT THE
NEXT TIME
WE MEET
ITLL BE
WHEN I'D
CONSISTENTLY
BE EAR

HE SAID
HE WAS
GONNA
KEEP
GOING
UNTIL I'D
FORGIVEN
HIM

HE HAS
INTEGRITY
AND I SEE
WEIRD
THINGS
THAT BUT

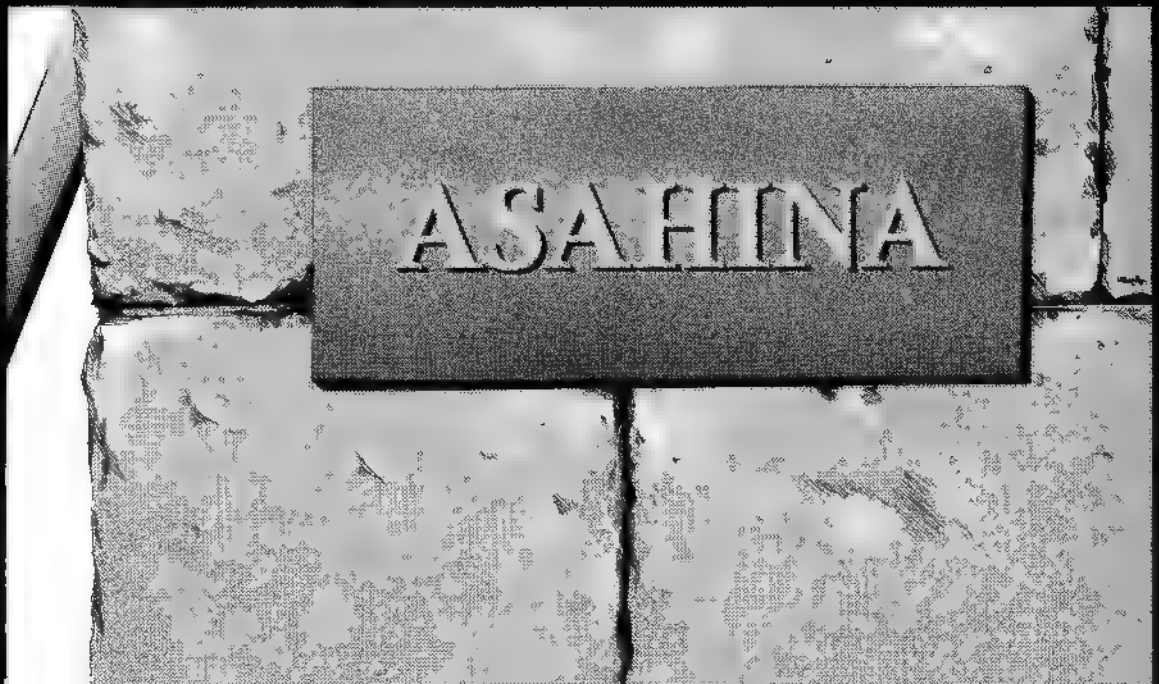




SUZUKA



#155 **THE PAYOFF**





GOOD
MORN-
ING!

SORRY
TO BOTH-
ER YOU
AGAIN!!

I WANTED
TO COME
A LITTLE
EARLIER...

...BUT
THE
TRAIN
STOPPED
MIDWAY,
SO...

UH...

KER-CHAK

タッ

タッ

タッ



HUH
...?

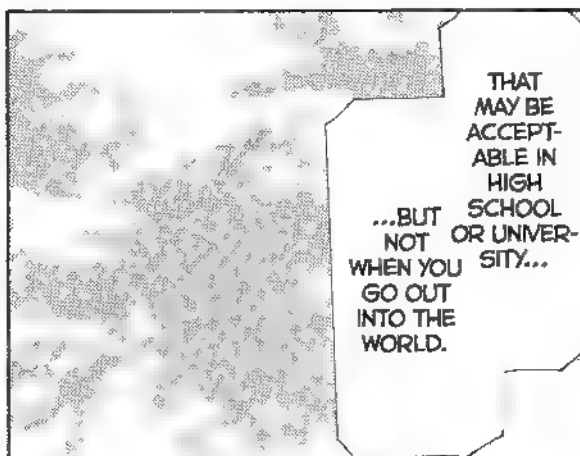
SO THAT'S
WHY
YOU'RE
LATE?



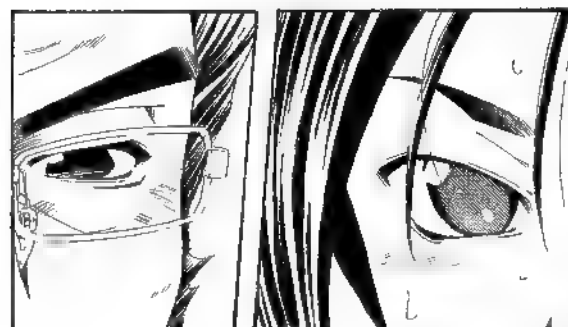
UH
...



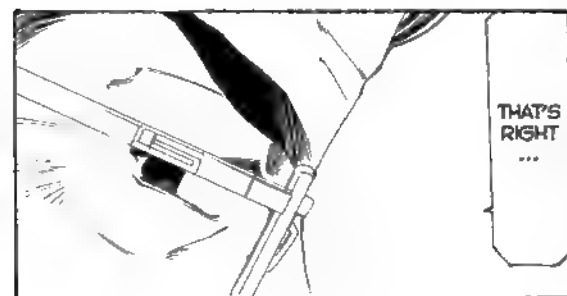
AND
BESIDES
...



THAT
MAY BE
ACCEPT-
ABLE IN
HIGH
SCHOOL
...BUT SCHOOL
NOT OR UNIVER-
SITY...
WHEN YOU
GO OUT
INTO THE
WORLD.



I...I'M
REALLY
SORRY!
I'LL BE
MORE
CAREFUL
FROM
NOW ON!!



...THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!!

TH...

Y...YES,
SIR!

HOWEVER,
YOU ARE
BOTH STILL
UNDERAGE.

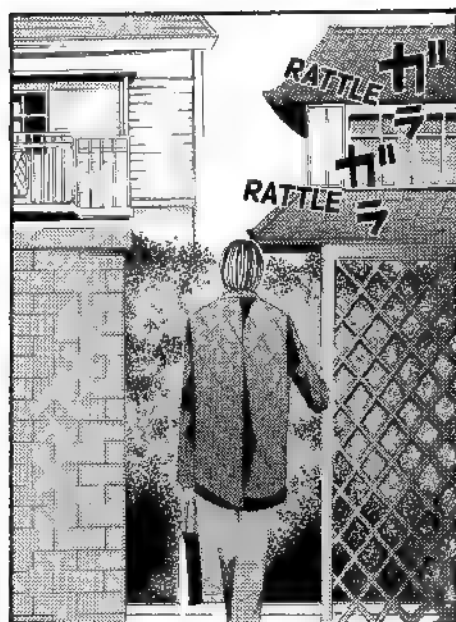
MAKE SURE
YOU STUDY
HARD AT
UNIVERSITY,
AND DATE EACH
OTHER AS
RESPONSIBLE
STUDENTS.

BUT
WHY SO
SUD-
DENLY
...?

HE
FOR-
GAVE
ME...

OH!

YAMATO-
KUN...





YOUR DAD
SAID HE
FORGIVES
ME!!

ASA-
HINA!!



I
HEARD
...

YEAH
...



SIS!

WOW, IT'S
SO UN-
USUAL OF
DAD TO
FORGIVE
SOME-
ONE SO
QUICKLY!



WHA
...?

HUH?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

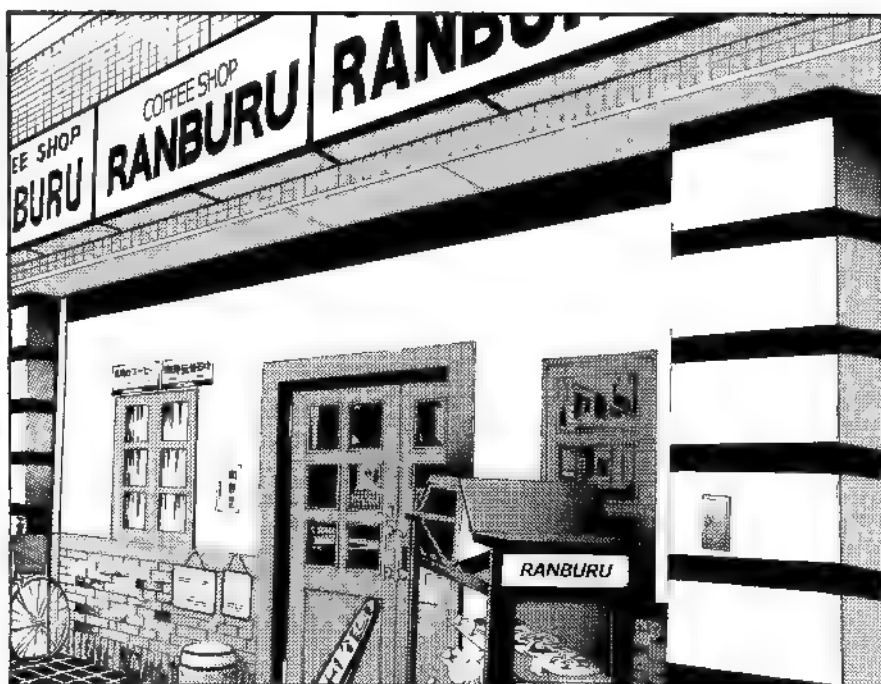
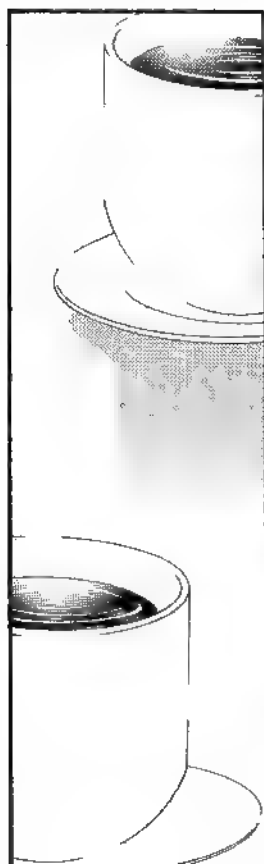
ISN'T IT
GREAT,
THOUGH?
NOW YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO LEAVE
HOME!



THANKS,
YAMATO-
KUN...

...FOR
VISITING
SO MANY
TIMES...

NAH...
IT WAS
ONLY NATU-
RAL.





YEAH. I'M
GONNA
GIVE THEM
A CALL,
TOO.

OH...I FEEL
BAD ABOUT
WHAT WE PUT
MIKI AND
HATTORI-KUN
THROUGH...

WE
SHOULD
APOLO-
GIZE.



...TO BE
HONEST,
I'M A BIT
RELIEVED.

BUT
...



I'M
GLAD HE
FORGAVE
YOU.

YEAH
...



...AND WE
CAUSED
A LOT OF
PROBLEMS
AND MADE
A LOT OF
PEOPLE
WORRY.

WE WENT
OFF ON
OUR OWN
WITHOUT
TAKING
RESPON-
SIBILITY
...



I THINK
WE GOT
AHEAD OF
OUR-
SELVES
A BIT...

EVEN IF
IT WAS
OUR LAST
HURRAH
IN HIGH
SCHOOL
...

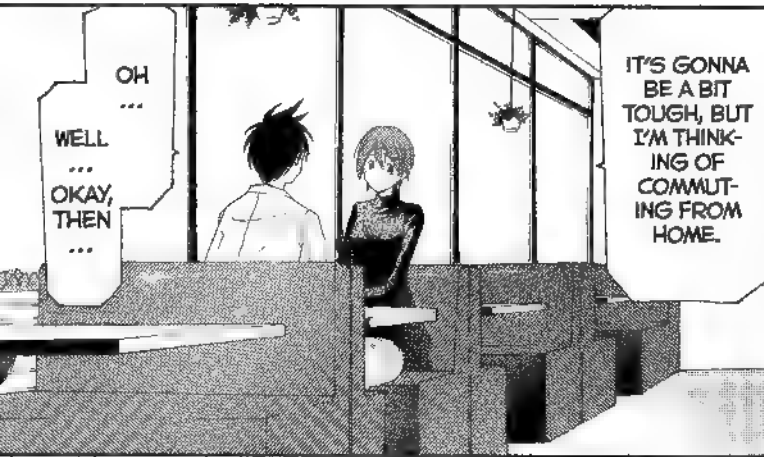


WE GOTTA
BE CAREFUL
NOT TO DO
ANYTHING TOO
RASH FROM
NOW ON.

RIGHT
...



YEAH
...



OH
...
WELL
...
OKAY,
THEN
...

IT'S GONNA
BE A BIT
TOUGH, BUT
I'M THINK-
ING OF
COMMUT-
ING FROM
HOME.



HM
...?



WHAT
IS IT
...?



THAT
REMINDS
ME, WHAT
ARE YOU
GONNA DO
STARTING
3RD TERM,
ASAHINA?

SINCE
YOUR
APARTMENT
LEASE
HAS BEEN
CANCELED
...

HUH? OH,
YEAH...I
WAS GONNA
MOVE INTO A
DORM WHEN
I GRADUATED
ANYWAY, SO...



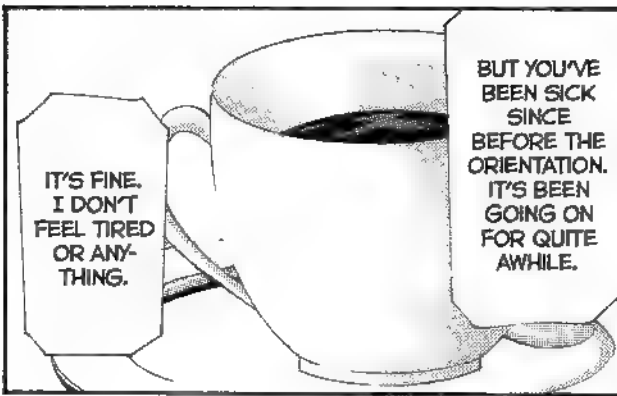
REAL-
LY...?

NOTHING,
JUST...YOU'VE
BEEN LOOKING
FLUSHED SINCE
EARLIER. DO
YOU STILL HAVE
A FEVER?



DID YOU
GET
YOURSELF
CHECKED
AT THE
HOSPITAL?

HEY, YOU
DO HAVE
A FEVER!



IT'S FINE.
I DON'T
FEEL TIRED
OR ANY-
THING.

BUT YOU'VE
BEEN SICK
SINCE
BEFORE THE
ORIENTATION.
IT'S BEEN
GOING ON
FOR QUITE
AWHILE.



HUH?
NO...

I MEAN, I
HAVE COLD
MEDICINE
AT HOME.



YEAH.
RIGHT
BY MY
HOUSE.

ISN'T
THERE A
HOSPITAL
NEARBY?







WHAT'S
TAKING
HER SO
LONG?
IT'S
BEEN
TWO
HOURS.

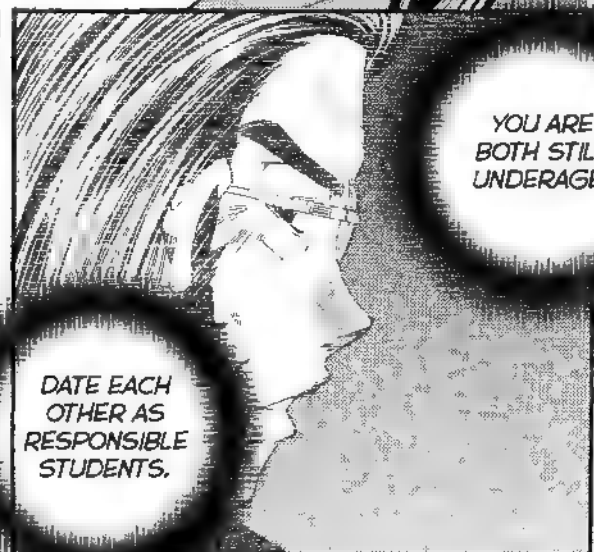
BRRR!
IT'S
COLD
...



FOR
NOW, WE
SHOULD
DATE
RESPON-
SIBLY!

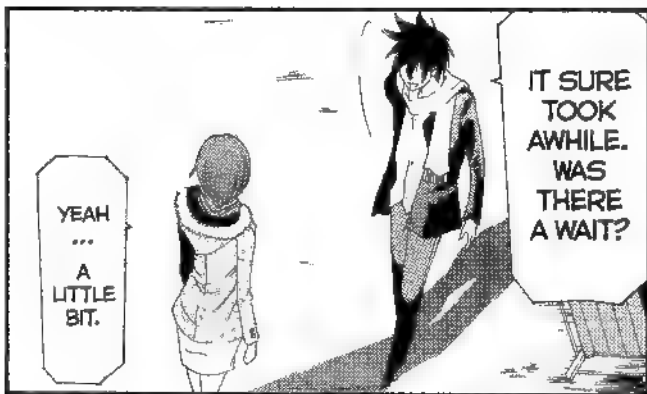
WE'LL
STILL BE
TOGETHER
DOWN THE
ROAD...

WELL...I
GUESS
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO RUSH.



DATE EACH
OTHER AS
RESPONSIBLE
STUDENTS.

YOU ARE
BOTH STILL
UNDERAGE.





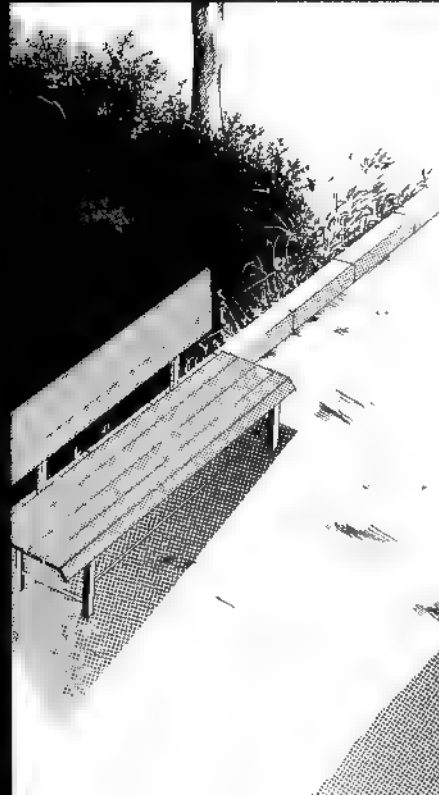
...SAID I'M
PREGNANT...

THEY...



HUH...?

...



...I'M
THREE
MONTHS
ALONG...



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...BUT WHILE
WE WERE
TALKING, HE
STARTED TO
WONDER...

AT FIRST,
THE DOCTOR
THOUGHT IT
WAS A COLD,
TOO...

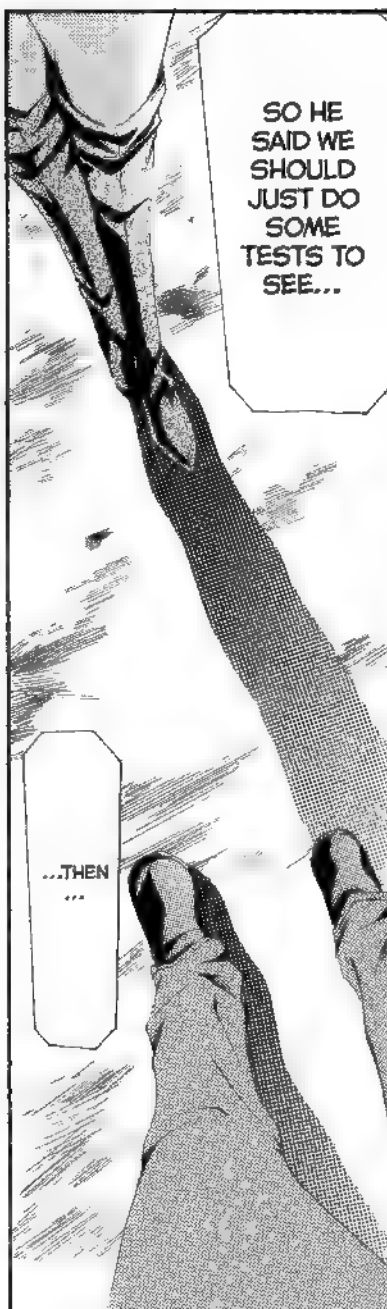


...HE
SAID...

...IT'S
BEEN
THREE
MONTHS.

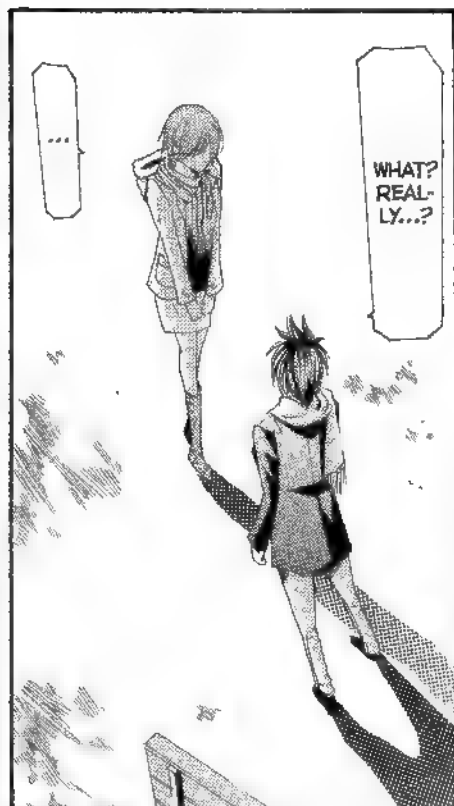


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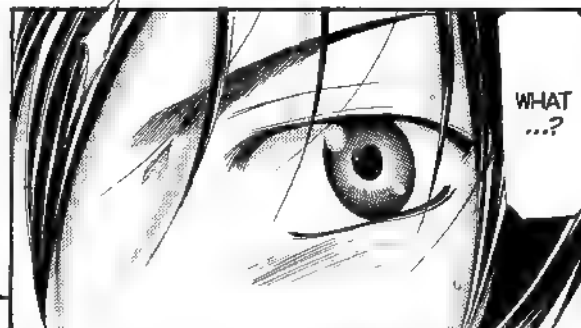
SO HE
SAID WE
SHOULD
JUST DO
SOME
TESTS TO
SEE...

...THEN
...



...ABORT IT,
RIGHT...?

I SHOULD
...



WHAT
...?

THEN WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?!

IT'S IMPOSSI-
BLE!! THINK
ABOUT IT
RATIONALLY!!

B...
BUT...

I HEARD
THAT'S
NOT
GOOD
FOR
YOUR
BODY.





THAT THE
DAY
AFTER
TOMORROW?

HEY...

ARE YOU
FREE THE
DAY AFTER
TOMORROW,
IN THE
EVENING?



...



...VISIT THE
SHRINE
TOGETHER
FOR NEW
YEAR'S?

DO YOU
WANNA

...



O.
OKAY

GOT
IT

GREAT...
ALL RIGHT,
I'LL SEE YOU
AT ASAHIMU,
THEN.



OH...
YEAH
...

SURE
...

OKAY,
LET'S DO
THAT.



ANYWAY,
HER DAD
FORGAVE
ME TODAY,
SO...

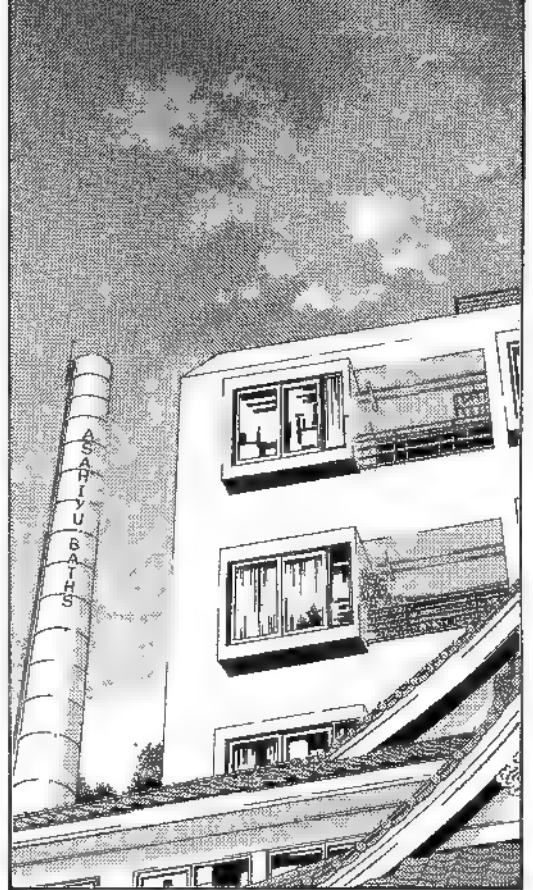
YEAH
...
UH-HUH
...



AND THIS
TIME, WITH
HER DAD'S
BLESS-
INGS!

OH,
YEAH?
THAT'S
GREAT,
MAN!

NOW
YOU CAN
HANG
OUT WITH
HER
ALL YOU
WANT!



ABOUT THAT...

UH...
YEAH...



...



YOU
SURE?
OKAY,
THEN...

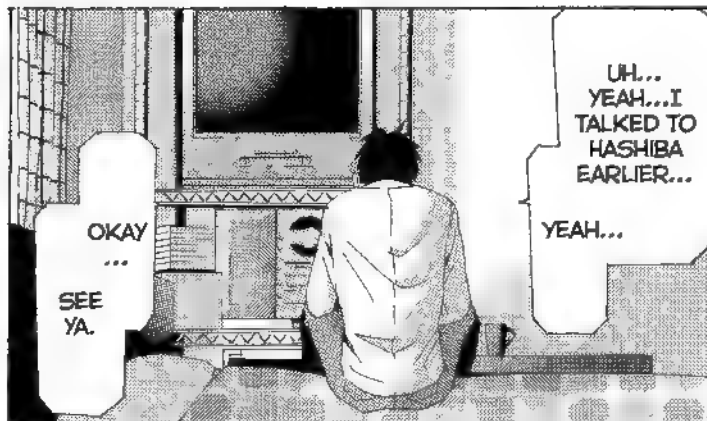
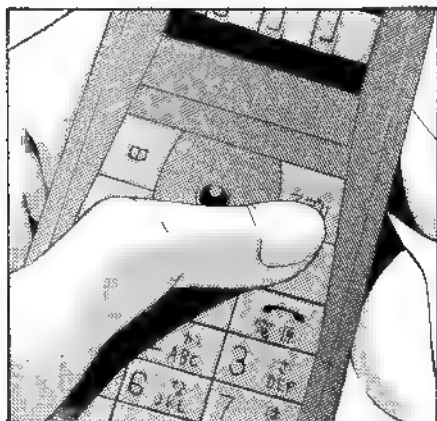
U...
UH, IT'S
NOH-
ING.

EVERY-
THING'S
FINE.



YOU
HAVE
ANOTHER
PROB-
LEM?

WHAT
IS IT
...?



UH...
YEAH...I
TALKED TO
HASHIBA
EARLIER...

YEAH...

OKAY

SEE
YA.



I JUST...

...DON'T
WANNA TALK
ABOUT THIS
WITH OTHER
PEOPLE.

...



...ABORT IT,
RIGHT?

I SHOULD

...



...SOME-
THING THIS
IMPORTANT
CAN'T BE
DECIDED
ON SO
HASTILY.

THAT'S
WHAT
SHE
SAID,
BUT...



BUT

...

...WHAT
SHOULD
I SAY TO
ASAHINA
THE NEXT
TIME I SEE
HER?



...IF SHE
WERE TO
KEEP IT...

STILL
...



...W...
WE'D
HAVE
TO...

...GET
MARRIED...

...THAT
WOULD
MEAN...



AFTER SHE
TRAINED
SO HARD IN
TRACK, WENT
TO STUDY
ABROAD...

...AND
EVEN GOT
RECOM-
MENDED TO
A UNIVER-
SITY...

I MEAN,
SHE'S AN
ATHLETE
WITH A
FAR MORE
PROMISING
FUTURE
THAN ME...



THAT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE,
TOO...



I CAN'T
RUIN
ASAHINA'S
FUTURE.

YET, ALL OF
THAT GOES
TO WASTE
'CAUSE OF
MY SELFISH-
NESS...



...MIGHT
NOT WANT
THAT,
EITHER...

AND
SHE...



R
R
R
I
N
G



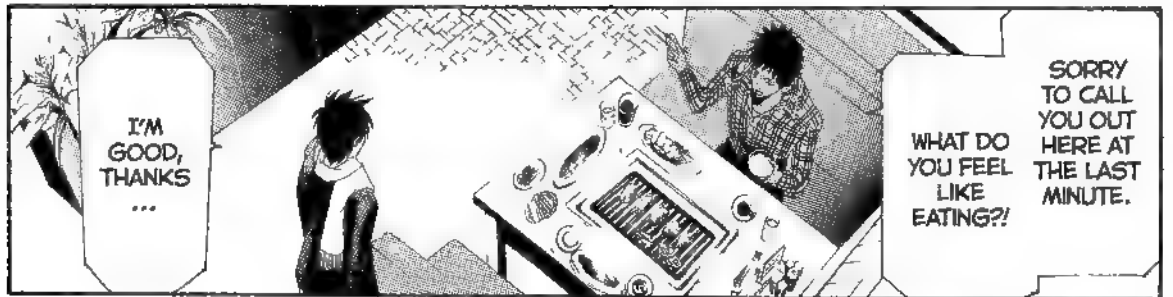
BUT
...

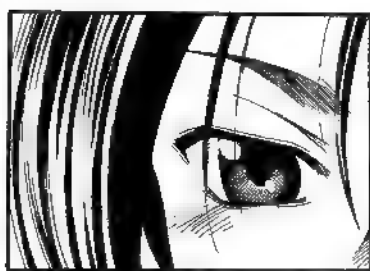
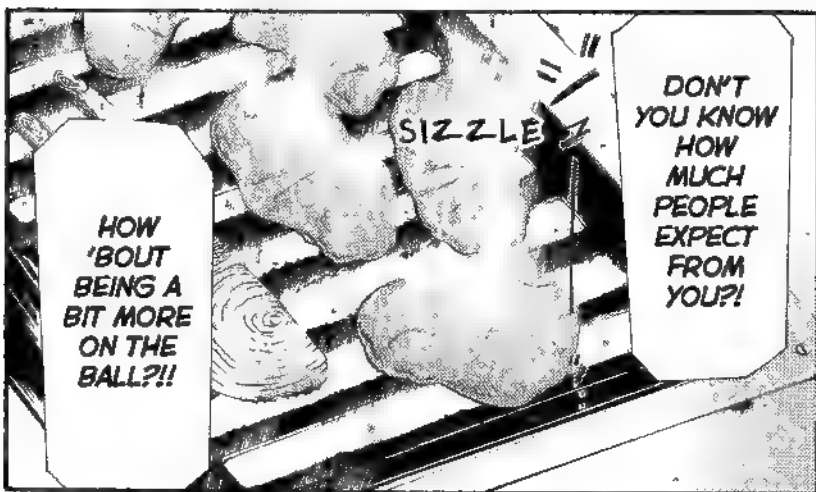
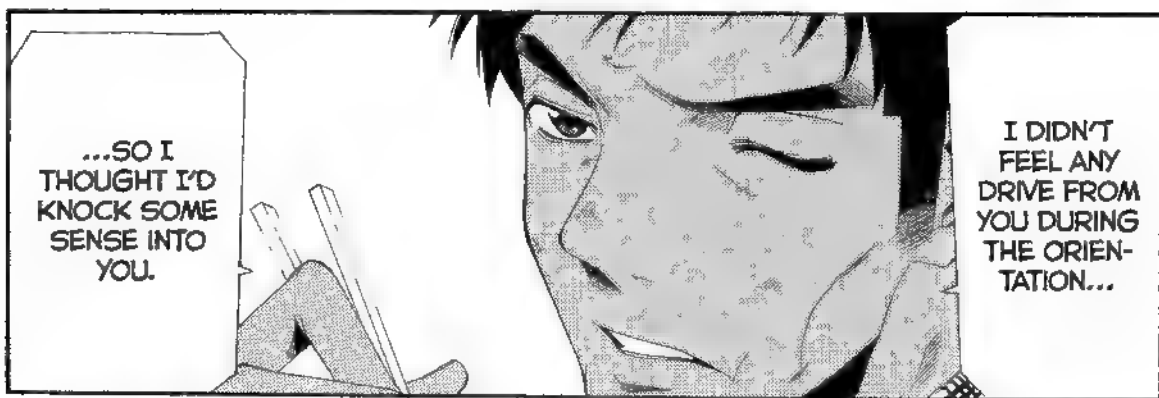


HM
...?

INCOMING
KINUGASA-SEMPAI

...WHAT,
THEN? WHAT
SHOULD I
TELL HER?





OH...
THERE
YOU
ARE!



WELCOME!!

JANGLE

JANGLE

MIYA-
MOTO-
SEMPAI
...



I'M SORRY.
THE MEET-
ING RAN A
BIT LONG.



HEY,
MIYA-
MOTO!
YOU'RE
LATE!



SINCE
I'D GET
NOWHERE
WITH YOU
ON MY
OWN...



HUH?
"WE"?



LONG
TIME
NO SEE,
AKI-
TSUKI.



WE CAME
TO KNOCK
SOME
SENSE
INTO YOU,
TOO.



C'MON,
MAN!
HURRY
UP!





GOOD
TO SEE
YOU!
HAVE A
SEAT!!

A...
ARIMA!!

HEY
...



I
THOUGHT
HE'D BE
THE BEST
PERSON
TO PUSH
YOU, SO
I INVITED
HIM.

WH...
WHAT'S
HE
DOING
HERE
...?



H...HEY,
DON'T
BE SO
COLD.

CLATTER

I'M JUST
HERE
'CAUSE
MIYAMOTO
SAID HE'D
BUY ME
DINNER...



THE FUTURE
OF SPRINTING
RESTS ON
BOTH OF YOUR
SHOULDERS,
AFTER ALL!

YOU
TWO ARE
FRIENDS
...



YEAH
RIGHT!
LIKE
I'D BE
FRIENDS
WITH THIS
GUY!



...THAT
GREAT AN
ATHLETE.

I'M
NOT
...



OH, AND
THREE
MORE
CALPIS,
AND MORE
RICE,
PLEASE!!

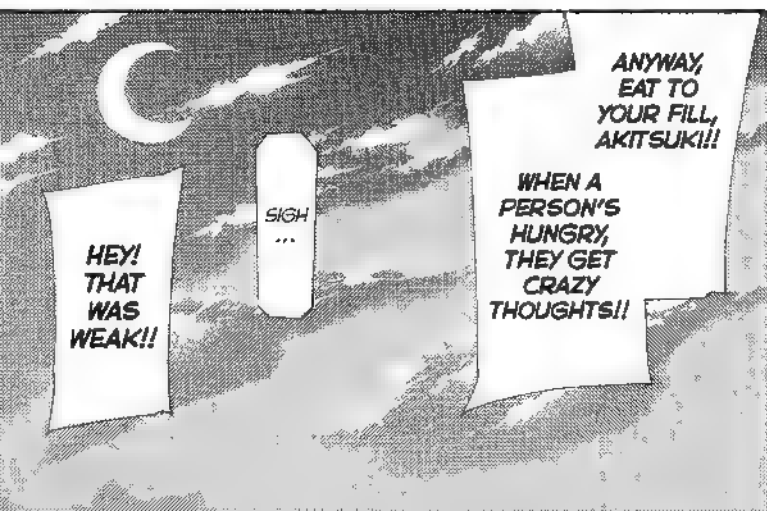
THANK
YOU
FOR
WAIT-
ING.
I HAVE
THE
CALPIS
AND
ROAST-
ING
MEAT.

OH...
CAN WE
HAVE
THREE
COOLONG
TEAS,
TOO?



RIGHT?
HE'S
BEEN LIKE
THIS THE
WHOLE
TIME...

WHAT THE
HECK,
YAMATO?
NORMALLY,
YOU'D
FIGHT
BACK.

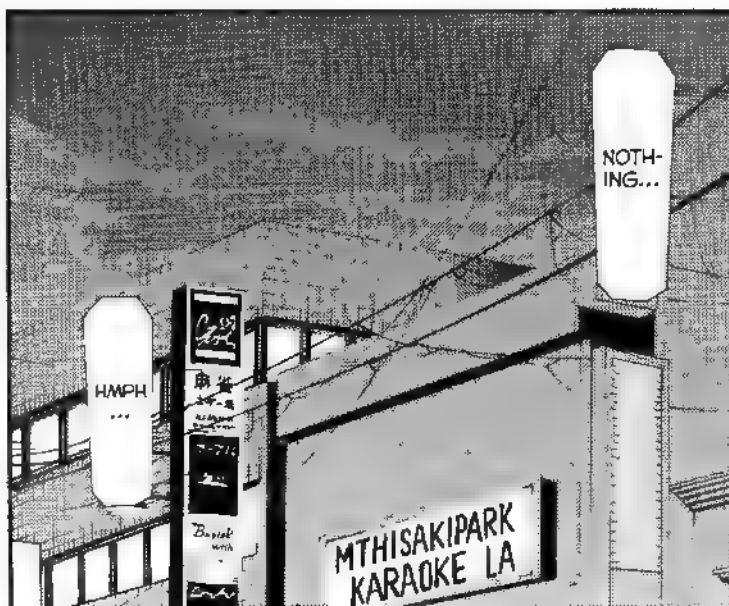


HEY!
THAT
WAS
WEAK!!

SIGH
...

ANYWAY,
EAT TO
YOUR FILL,
AKITSUKI!!

WHEN A
PERSON'S
HUNGRY,
THEY GET
CRAZY
THOUGHTS!!





IT'S
UNLIKELY
YOU'LL BE
PICKED AS
AN ATH-
LETE...

...LET ALONE
BEAT ME,
WITH THE
WAY YOU'RE
ACTING...



IT'S
NOT MY
BUSI-
NESS,
BUT...

...YOU
DO SEEM
PRETTY
OUT OF
IT, MAN.

HUH
...?



I
GUESS
...

...



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HUH
...?



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?



SOME
THING
HAPPEN
?

DID...



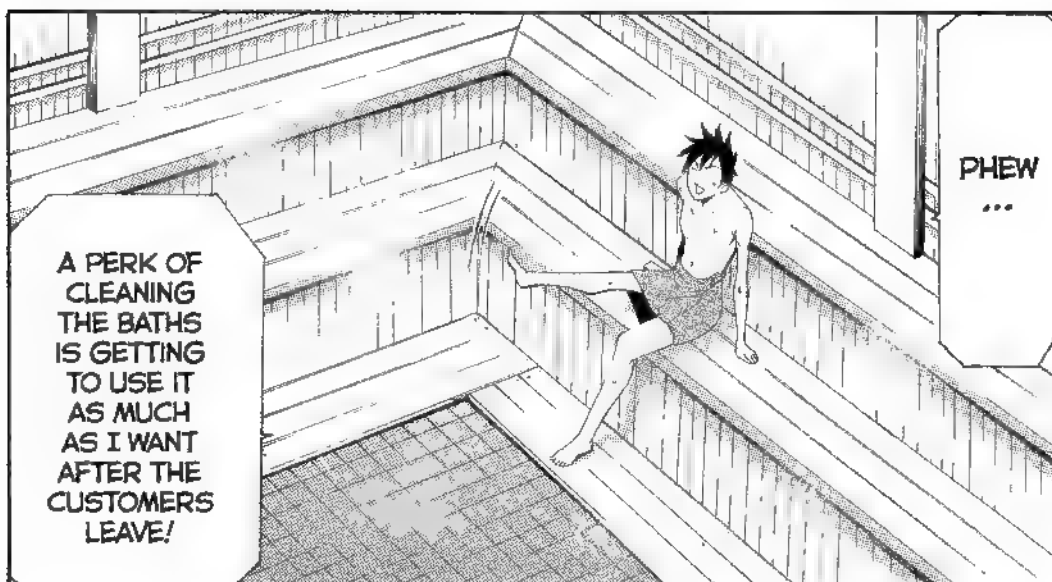
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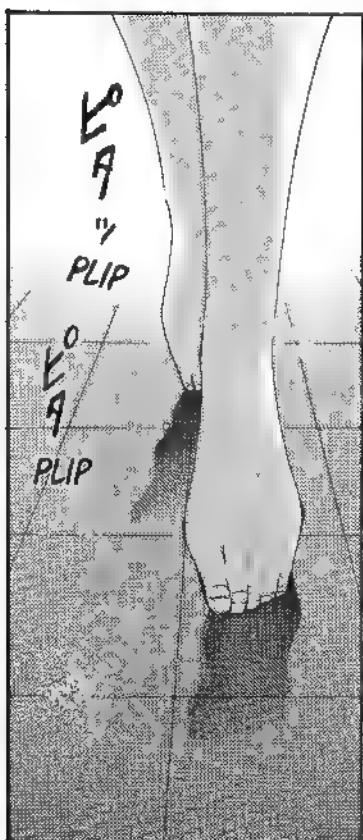
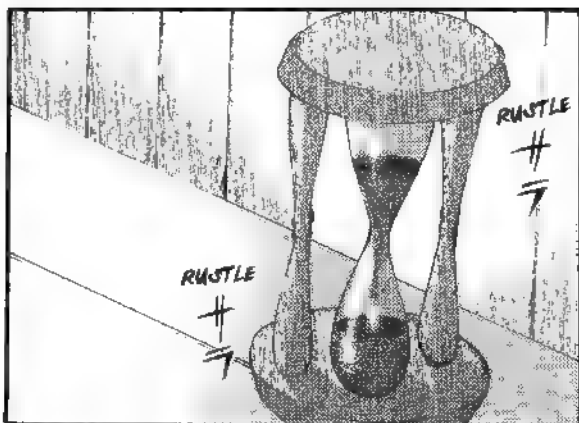
BEAUTIFUL GIRLS, STEAM, AND VIOLENCE



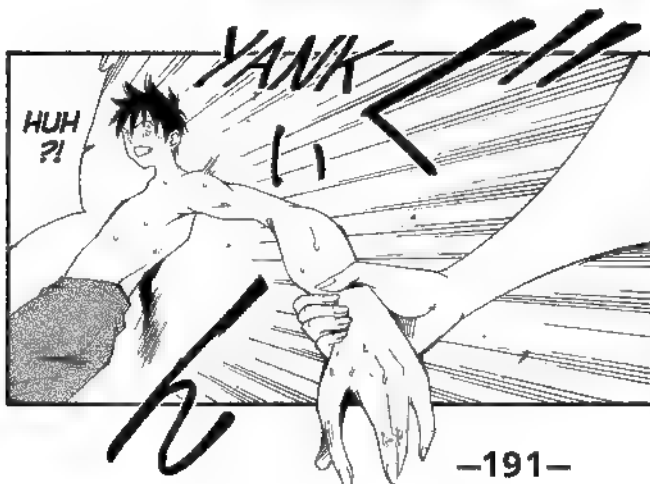
涼風
SUZUKA

SUZUKA SPECIAL CHAPTER

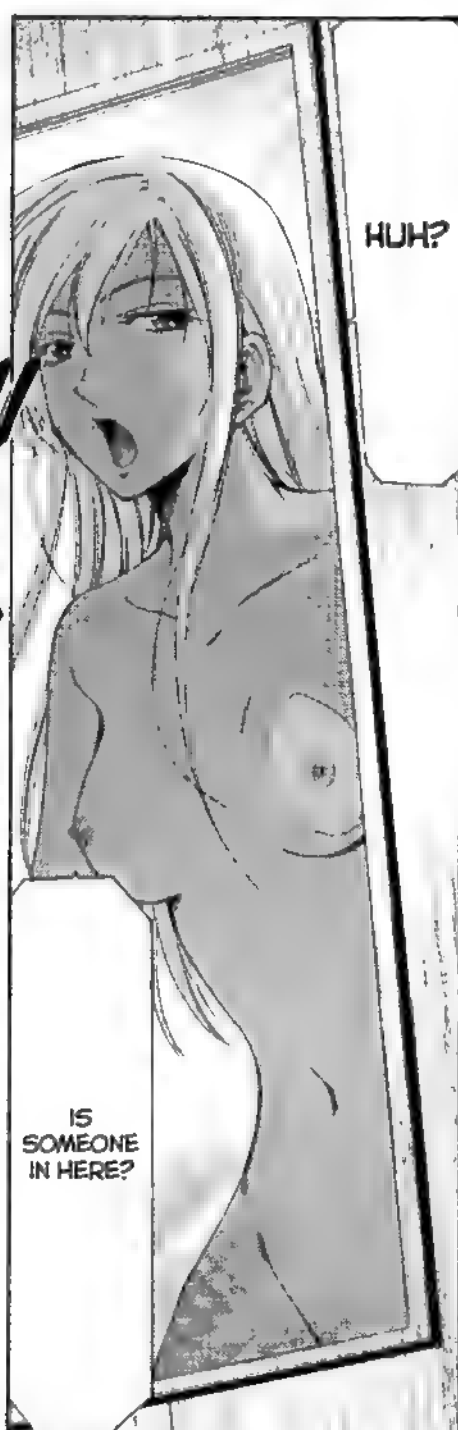




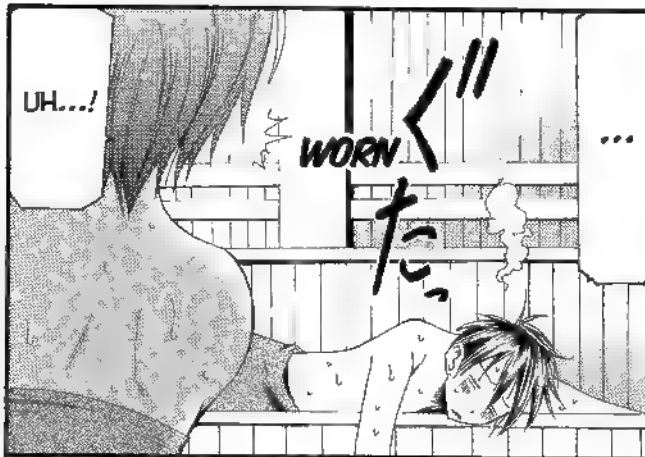










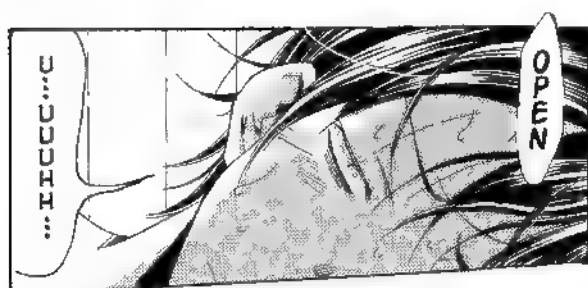
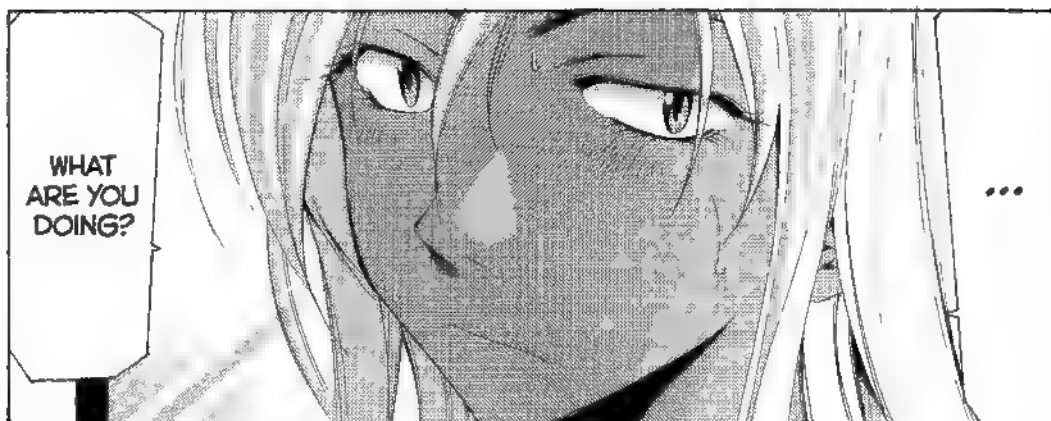


Yess
YEAH!!

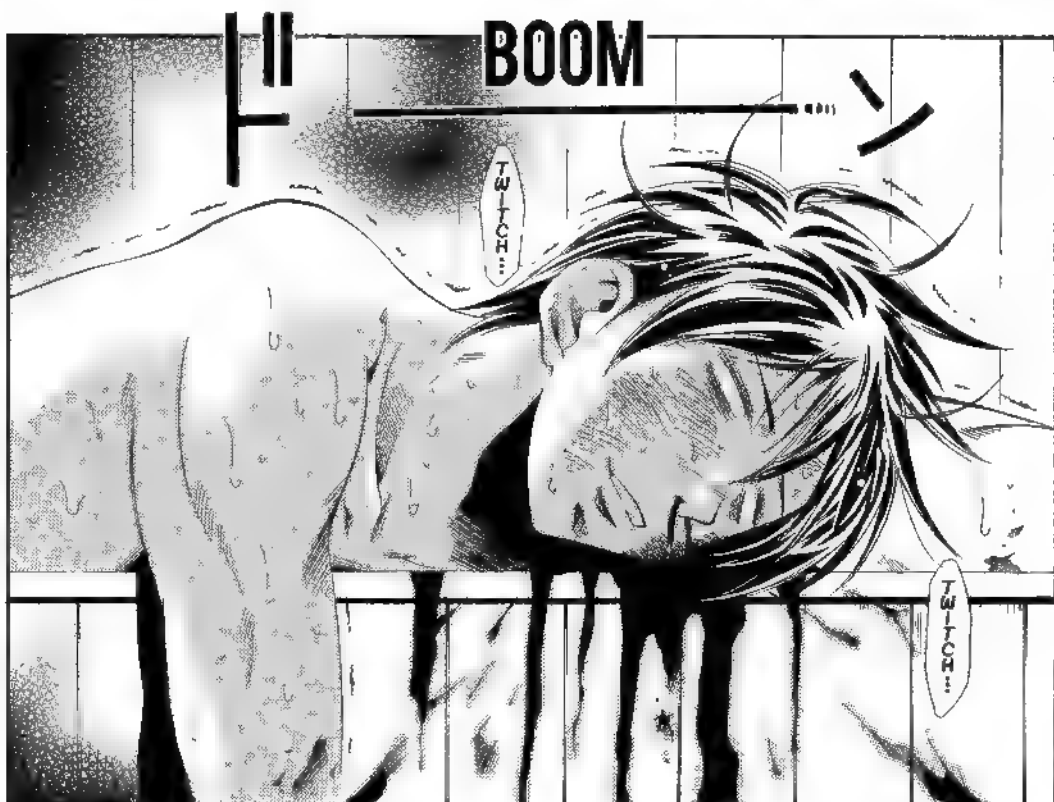
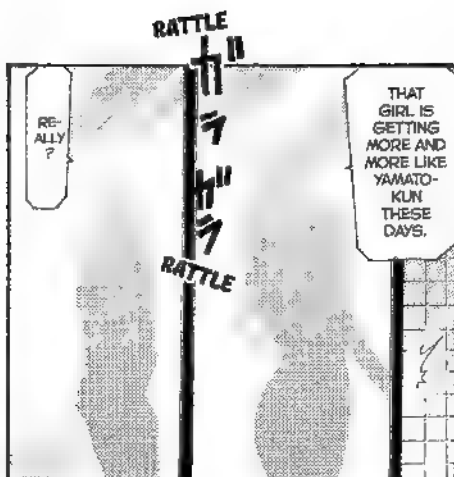
IS
EVERY
THING
GREAT?

FWOOSH













NOT JUST
THAT,
WHEN I
OPENED
MY EYES
FOR A
SECOND
...



I...I
DUN-
NO...

FLAP
11° 9
FLAP
11° 9
FLAP
11° 9

BUT WHY
DOES
MY NOSE
HURT SO
MUCH...?

DID I HIT
IT SOME-
WHERE?



?!

RUSTLE
わさ

RUSTLE
わさ

I THINK I
SAW TWO
PIZZA
POCKETS
THAT
MUST'VE
BEEN
THIS
BIG...



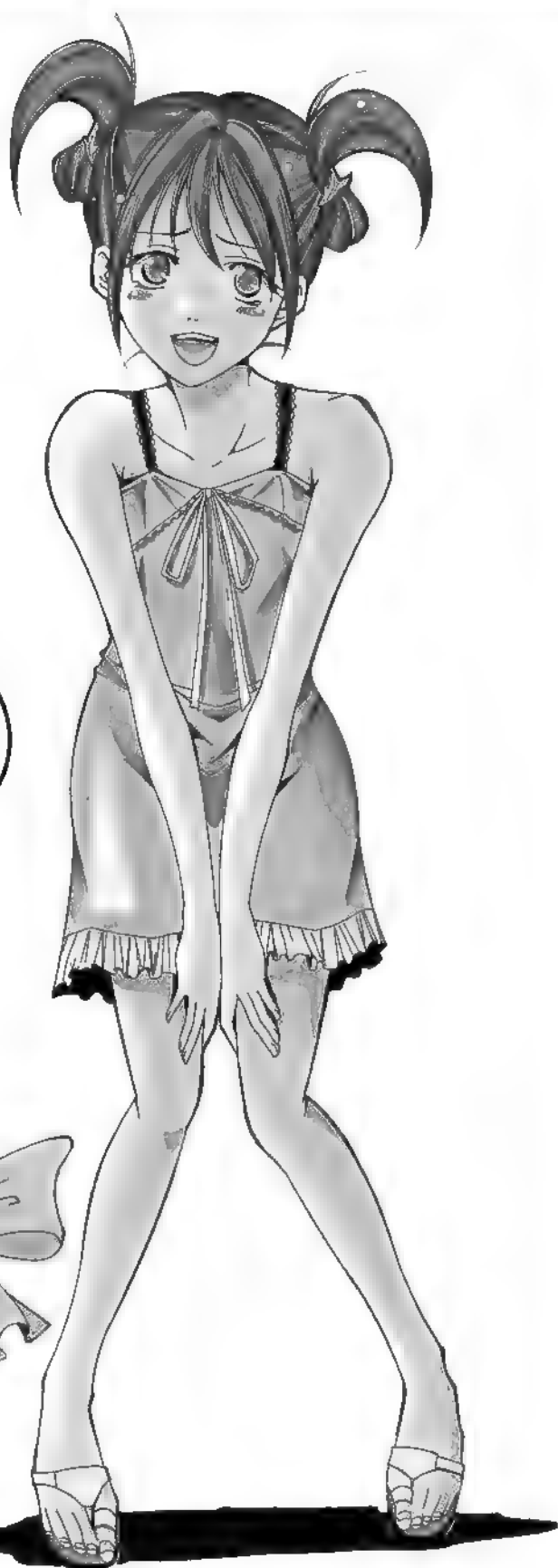
THWACK

URGH
!!

FORGET
IT!!

THE

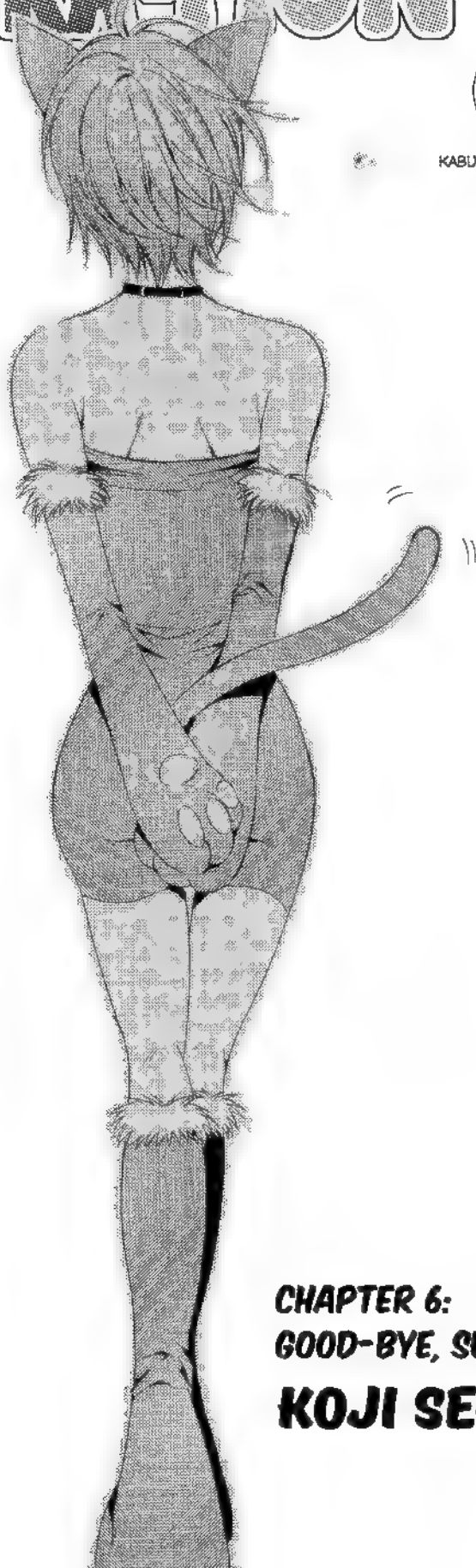
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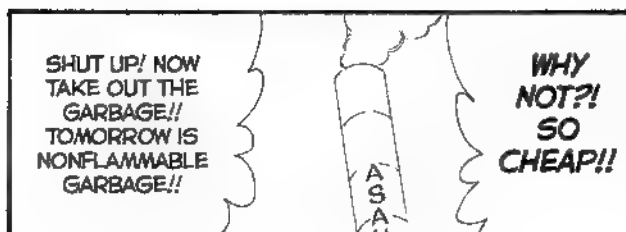
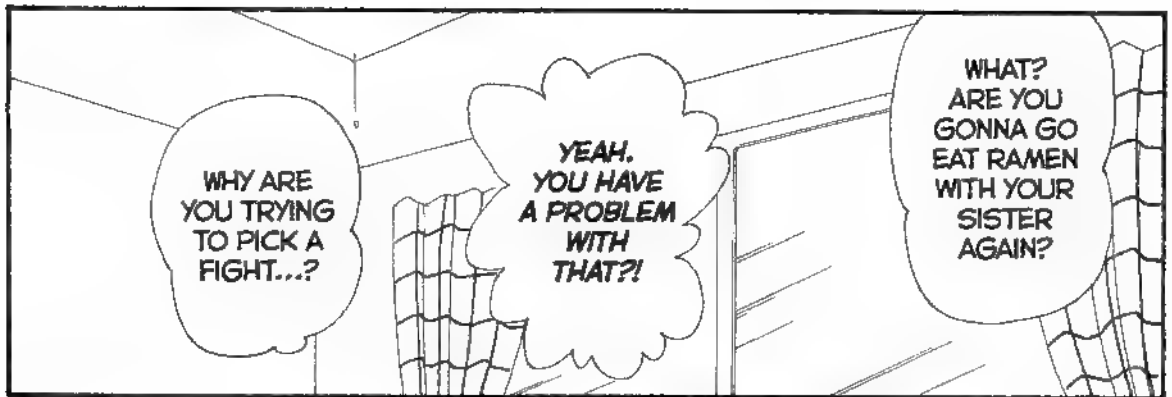
SUZUKA-MON



KABU TO MUSHI COMICS

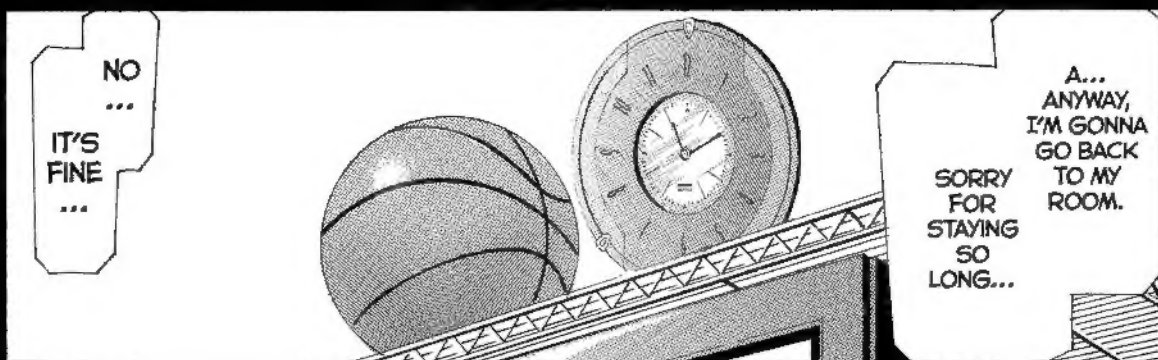


CHAPTER 6:
GOOD-BYE, SUZUKA-MON
KOJI SEO









NO
...
IT'S FINE
...

A...
ANYWAY,
I'M GONNA
GO BACK
TO MY ROOM.

SORRY
FOR
STAYING
SO LONG...



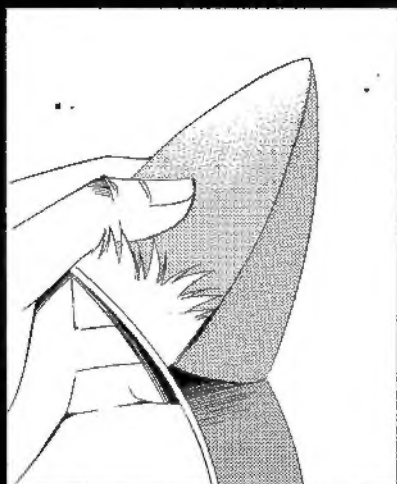
SEE
YA
...

ANY-
WAY
...

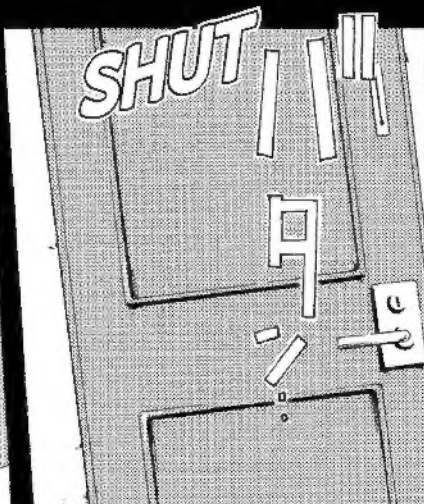


YEAH
...

UH...



...



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